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## Hannah Welcomed Home

**By Mick Colageo**

Red and purple hearts, respective colors of Tabor Academy and College of The Holy Cross, decorated an overpass on I-195 and were held up by family, friends, and supporters all the way down Front Street past Tabor and beyond Marion village down to Pitcher Street for Hannah Strom's June 3 homecoming.

Strom had been recovering away from home since a January 15 collision with a pickup truck in Vero Beach, Florida, took the life of her teammate Grace Rett, injured several others on the Holy Cross women's rowing team, and left her with a lengthy and complicated road back that began in Florida and saw her continue at Massachusetts General Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. On June 3, she returned home with a police escort and was cheered by hundreds as she passed through the Tabor campus and the village.

Those in attendance know the Stroms in many ways, be it from starting every spring season with a ceremonial trip to Kool-Kone, the family-owned, ice cream drive-in on Route 6 in Wareham, or from sports or even through their golden doodle Shannon.

Across from the general store, Deb, Lara, and Pam were among attendees representing the Friends of Marion Dogs. It turns out their dogs play a significant role in their relationship with the Strom family, as Tom Strom, Hannah's father, is a member of the group that congregates at Silvershell Beach and Washburn Park. Shannon is a popular dog and even visited Hannah during her stint at MGH.

The love shown to the Strom family on this day is a reflection on what the family has meant to the community. "Their whole family does a lot for all the communities, not just Marion. They give 110 percent all the time, like anytime anybody asks," said Jessica Kelly, who supported from the Front Street sidewalk with her two children. "(The Stroms) donate to the school; they're just such a great family... They support everybody, every chance they get."

***On the Cover:*** *Hundreds of supporters lined the sidewalks along Front Street in Marion village on June 3 to welcome home Hannah Strom. After spending several months in hospitals in Florida and Boston, the Tabor Academy graduate and member of the Holy Cross women's rowing team returned to her Pitcher Street residence to continue her recovery from severe injuries sustained in a January 15 collision with a pickup truck in Vero Beach that took the life of her teammate Grace Rett and injured her coach and several other teammates. Photo by Ryan Feeney*

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## New Mattapoisett Library Director Named

**By Marilou Newell**

With big shoes to fill, Jennifer Jones was selected by the Mattapoisett Library Director Search Committee as the new director.

The Plymouth resident has been working in that town's library system for over a decade and was a finalist competing against Ellen Snoeyenbos of Halifax, currently the director of the West Bridgewater Library. Jones was the hands-down favorite it was learned, but she was also the only candidate remaining out of a wide field. Snoeyenbos withdrew her interest in the position after the May 28 in-person interview conducted at the library by the Search Committee.

Jones' education began in Clarke University, where she majored in sociology and achieved a cum laude Bachelor of Arts degree in 2000. In 2010 Jones graduated from Simmons University with a degree in library sciences, MSLIS. During her Simmons years, she worked fulltime as a youth librarian in Plymouth.

Feeling it was time for a change after so many years in the same community, Jones sought the director position in Mattapoisett. She wrote, "I am an experienced leader with eight years of staff management, program development, facility management in a large public library, and fourteen years of experience in public libraries." She also noted extensive experience in teen services, including summer reading programs and strategic planning. Added to her list of accomplishments and skills, Jones said she had written grants and is proficient in all aspects of library service as well as web development.

During her on-site interview, Jones told the committee that she would seek a mentor if she were selected, one who could help her develop a greater

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understanding of the town's budgetary processes, an area that she said she had only recently been exposed to in Plymouth.

Comments from references Jones provided the committee included, "…(Jones') thoughtful and innovative approach to new programming, fundraising, along with an ability to implement those new ideas." It was also noted that Jones had reached out to the Plymouth community, its historical associations, schools, and the county jail to bring the library's presence and services to a wide-ranging population and their needs. Jones' work with the Greater Plymouth Performing Arts Center elevated the group's website, email program, and the creation of a policy manual.

During her interview, Jones said she would first need to review how the library's collections are used, and possibly explore new ways to display collections. But she also believed it was important to get to know the patrons and their needs before making too many changes.

While Jones was the "last one standing" when the search process concluded, that did not reflect on how

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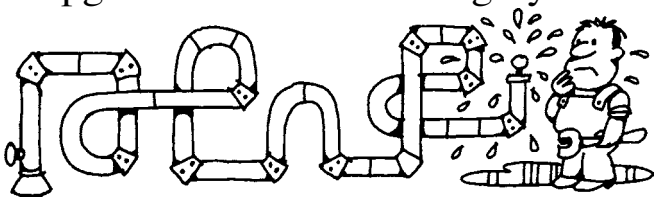
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the committee members felt about her being offered the position. "I was in favor of Jennifer when there were two candidates," said committee member Elizabeth Sylvia. William Coquillette, another committee member, said, "We had about thirty resumes, got that down to ten… then three finalists." He said that the process had been thorough and that, "Jones was selected after quite a process. She was a strong candidate; we are not settling because she is the only one left."

The vote was unanimous in advancing Jones' name to the town's administration. In a follow-up with Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, he told *The Wanderer*, "I'll do the contract with the Board of Selectmen in the next week or so." He said that, while he'll be preparing the contract, one or both of the selectmen will assist in that process but added, "We'll want to move quickly if we plan on opening the library soon."

*The Wanderer* also reached out to retiring library director Susan Pizzolato. "I have full confidence in the committee's process. I believe Jennifer will do an excellent job for the town." She also said, "The library has a wonderful staff that will support the new library director."

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## Bird Island Lighthouse Attracts Endangered Terns

**By George B. Emmons**

Bird Island Lighthouse stands as an obsolete landmark at the mouth of Marion Harbor, that in modern times has found to be a valuable nesting site for two species of endangered Terns.

Now owned and operated by the town itself, the lighthouse was built in 1819 for safe shipping traffic in and out of the harbor. With the coming of the 19th-century industrial revolution in New England, traffic for the trading of manufactured products was paramount for safe passage from and to many other ports. Then the assignment of a lighthouse keeper was essential for in-house caretaker of its operation, particularly in foul weather. High winds, rough seas, and hazardous duty to rescue ship-wrecked victims was an ongoing possibility.

My wife's great grandfather, Richard Pinkham, was at that time the first lighthouse keeper on Nantucket Island. He was also the first keeper to chart the waters around Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Block Island. Perhaps this was his foresight to avoid the consequences of poor-navigation, trial and error of safe passage through the shoals by way of the channel.

Like Nantucket, Marion Harbor is tricky to maneuver particularly in choppy seas. The lighthouse stands on an acre and a half in the channel itself, and for sailing vessels with heavy cargo the traditional prevailing breeze was helpful, but also unpredictable towards the hurricane season.

In September of 1938, the unpredicted hurricane of more than 120 mile an hour winds brought a tidal surge of more than 15 feet over the island. The keeper's residence, oil shed, and a boathouse were all washed away, except for the tower structure itself. The light was decommissioned in 1935 and remained so until 1996, now owned and preserved by the town. A town committee was formed as a Bird Island Restoration effort that successfully relit the beacon in 1997, after 62 years of darkness at the head of Marion's previously historic but changing to recreational boating traffic.

However, in the meantime, the location of the island at this focal funnel of a seasonal wind tunnel from Buzzards Bay into waters of Cape Ann, had for years become a traditional nesting site along the Atlantic migrational flyway for both the Roseate and Common Terns previously mentioned.

Perhaps the landmark tower was seen on the thousand-mile or more journey from the West Indies as a recognizable destination marker for a rocky shoreline of nesting sites. Together the arrival of 3,500 pairs annually accounts for 25 percent of declining national population. As illustrated, the Roseate is among the most beautiful and elegant of the two, with a black head and faintly tinted, rose-colored underbody. It has a distinctive, long split tail that flutters in flight, along the trailing edge of its plumage.

The Common Tern is lesser in numbers, but easily distinguished by a dark wedge on the outer three of its five primaries. For years both their numbers have shown a consistently serious decline. The present stewardship by the Marion Harbormaster caretaking in support by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife conservation efforts bore remarkable fruit last year with the gift of more than 500 new nesting boxes for the island.

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## Dragon Drives in the Fast Lane

**By Mick Colageo**

Kathy Massey had an unusual encounter on June 4, capturing a "tegu" dragon along Route 6 just over the Marion line.

"This is a first for me. This thing is wild – wild. I can't get over the head," said Massey, who has been Mattapoisett's Animal Control Officer the past 23 years with 30 years total experience.

She has seen plenty over three decades but ranked this adventure among the wildest.

"That's my first time picking one of these suckers up... oh my God," said Massey. "This is one of the top – especially the guy that called 911, said it was a Komodo dragon. That (would have been) bad, they eat everything... They are huge, but when they bite something they disburse this very slow venom into it. They sit around and wait. This thing is unbelievable, though, prehistoric like a dinosaur."

Late on Thursday morning, a motorcyclist spotted the animal while riding along Route 6 and made a 9-1-1 emergency call that a Komodo dragon was on the loose. Turns out it was a tegu dragon, and by noon the tegu dragon was being treated for a wound and hydrating in a

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tub of water at Mattapoisett Animal Hospital.

Once the animal was in safe custody, Massey did some reading and quickly learned that the dragons hibernate and wondered aloud, "Who knows how long this thing has been around?"

It took 15 minutes to secure the animal, which had made it across town line into Marion, where Massey put her lead around its neck. The dragon "got a little squirmy so I put its legs through" so that the loop was around the animal's midsection. Meanwhile, Massey explained that the Marion animal control officer held the net so that the tegu dragon would step into it.

Massey didn't know the dragon was not a Komodo but a tegu until she had delivered it to

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Mattapoisett Animal Hospital for its evaluation and spa treatment. After having a wound treated, the dragon spent its afternoon soaking. The plan was to transport the animal to an undisclosed location so it can be nursed back to health. "Not my house!" specified Massey, who keeps chickens.

Native to Central and South America, no one knew on the day the tegu dragon was captured how long it had been in the wild. The possibility that it was released by a private owner was not dismissed. As of Monday, the animal had not been claimed.

"We have a tendency to be the cruelest species out there," said Massey.

Exotic and sometimes inappropriate pet keeping has inched its way into society, as the hit TV show "Tiger King" and several other programs have recently illustrated.

"We had an iguana one time that used to get loose every two years when it was in heat. Somebody said they had a dinosaur in their bushes. As far as that kind of stuff, not often (do we see it), but I'm thinking somebody else is going to be missing this thing," said Massey, noting that tegu dragons do not require a registration. "They're not illegal; you can have them. The only problem - I personally wouldn't have anything like that because their mouths are filthy, and if they bite you you're going to get a heck of an infection."

Still, capturing and holding a tegu dragon in her arms was exciting enough. Massey last felt this far out of her comfort zone about 15 years ago when she captured a rabid otter. "Nowhere near water," she said of the animal that was sent to Connecticut where it tested positive, leaving a lingering caution to the public.

"Any mammal can get rabies," said Massey, "any mammal. The only one that's not top of the list (for rabies) is a possum."

## Mattapoisett Candidates Make their Pitches

*Editor's Note: The Wanderer invited candidates for contested seats on elected boards and committees in the tri-towns to submit up to 350 words stating their case to the voters. This week we hear from candidates in Mattapoisett*

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*and Rochester. The respective elections in these towns are scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, and Wednesday, June 17. Marion's election is set for Friday, June 26. The Southeastern Massachusetts League of Women Voters supplied the following seven questions for candidates' consideration in this presentation:*

*1. What office are you running for and what inspired you to run in this election?*

*2. What experience and expertise do you bring to the table and how does that qualify you for this position?*

*3. What initiatives would you create to prioritize the Town's goals of being more supportive to Seniors "Aging in Place?"*

*4. If you could change one thing in the Town's Zoning Ordinance, what would it be?*

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*5. How would you generate more interest in people serving in public office?*

*6. If elected, what would be your first priority in improving the Town's financial standing?*

*7. If the Town received a $1 million grant to use any way you wanted, how would you allocate it and why?*

**Board of Selectmen: John DeCosta**

My name is John DeCosta and I am seeking a seat on the Board of Selectmen. My inspiration to run comes from my family's service to the community, especially my dad's 21-year run as a selectman. I chose this year to run because I am in a position in my personal life to dedicate the time and energy needed to the job.

I feel I am qualified for the job because of my own town service, which includes 40 years as a town meeting member, having served on the Fire Department, been a employee of the Water Department, served on the Capital Planning, Community Preservation, Open Space and Town Administrator Screening committees. I also have a history of commitment to the community that goes from helping my dad with the Memorial Day parade as a boy to today, volunteering at Harbor Days and Christmas in the park.

There are normal issues facing the town and as always new challenges coming up. Case in point is the COVID-19 pandemic. It is bringing a whole new set of issues to the town that will require dedicated leadership to solve. How to open schools, operate town services, support our vulnerable populations, maintain our traditions and provide support for our affected business community and organizations are just a few of these challenges.

I see some of our contemporary issues as affording the major capital needs of Town Hall, the wharfs and outstanding road repairs. A lack of affordable housing for seniors and young families. Understanding the complete financial and regulatory issues involved before continuing construction of the multi-use path, and zoning issues around the increasing number of solar

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Respectfully, John DeCosta

**Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen: Tyler Macallister**

Many ask, "What does a selectman do?" The Selectmen are charged with many things, but the most important task for the Selectmen is to act upon the will of Town Meeting. Every spring, long hours are spent with the town administrator, Finance Committee, department heads and superintendent of schools, developing a budget that fits within revenue forecasts and work with the town administrator to prepare for Town Meeting.

I graduated with an MBA from Isenberg School of Management, a B.S. in Marine Biology, an advanced degree in Education, and Master Captains License. I founded or co-founded several successful businesses and have fished commercially for 35 years.

I often visited Mattapoisett while in college for Nick's Pizza or adult beverages and entertainment at the Mattapoisett Inn. My wife and I settled in Mattapoisett in 2001. I joined the Conservation Commission in 2005 and then ran for Selectman in 2011. My wife Cindy, daughter Alex and I volunteer annually to serve food at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at Shipyard Park.

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I consider the waterfront to be the focal point of the town. Hiring Jamie McIntosh as full-time harbormaster was pivotal to improving the waterfront and its facilities. I will continue supporting all efforts to improve and upgrade Mattapoisett's waterfront resources.

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## Rochester Candidates Make their Pitches

*Editor's Note: The Wanderer invited candidates for contested seats on elected boards and committees in the tri-towns to submit up to 350 words stating their case to the voters. This week we hear from candidates in Mattapoisett and Rochester. The respective elections in these towns are scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, and Wednesday, June 17. Marion's election is set for Friday, June 26. The Southeastern Massachusetts League of Women Voters supplied the following seven questions for candidates' consideration in this presentation:*

*1. What office are you running for and what inspired you to run in this election?*
*2. What experience and expertise do you bring to the table and how does that qualify you for this position?*
*3. What initiatives would you create to prioritize the Town's goals of being more supportive to Seniors "Aging in Place?"*
*4. If you could change one thing in the Town's Zoning Ordinance, what would it be?*
*5. How would you generate more interest in people serving in public office?*
*6. If elected, what would be your first priority in improving the Town's financial standing?*
*7. If the Town received a $1 million grant to use any way you wanted, how would you allocate it and why?*

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committee does and how they do it? Do they have over 50 years of experience as a leader, financial manager, and organizer? If you are asking these questions about me, the answer to every question is yes.

As a selectman, I work hard to represent all citizens of Rochester. I meet regularly with school committee members. I'm active as a volunteer at our Council on Aging. When I saw the need to increase parking for town events, I initiated a project that tripled the parking spaces. I found new money for Rochester and you. Working with other town officials, we brought you the Green Community Program with $800,000 of upgrades and over $75,000/year of energy savings and we're working to install a free solar array at Memorial School to reduce electrical costs. I rediscovered the Community Aggregation Program, it will reduce everyone's home electrical bill.

My special interest is the town of Rochester – every department and every citizen. In just three years, working with other leaders we adopted our first financial planning program. In two years, FY19 and FY20, we deposited $460,000 into stabilization funds (FY21 pending). We've invested $790,000 into upgrading equipment and infrastructure at our Fire Station, COA, Library, Town Hall and Recreational Facilities. Your votes at town meetings supported every recommendation.

I'm running for reelection because we are on the right road, travelling together with a plan, discovering new opportunities. We've made great progress in three years! But there is more work to do. Help me keep Rochester moving forward. Reelect me as your selectman. For detailed information on all these topics, see my Facebook page: @woodyhartleyforselectman.

**Board of Selectmen: Adam C. Murphy**

I chose to run for office because I have identified a need for change in our community. A big public-safety decision was made that was not made in the best interests of our community. With property tax on the rise and services diminishing is concerning. I feel the community needs help and

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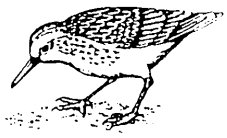

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I feel as though I have the skill set to fill that need. The Board of Selectman needs diversity.

I have spent the last 17 years in public safety. I work for a municipality and I see the obstacles that both the community and employees struggle with. My experience would help bridge the gap to help both sides. Our community does a fantastic job with our seniors; the Council on Aging gets our seniors the services that they need. I would support the members of the COA. A large problem for our seniors is the taxes on a steady rise. With most on a fixed income, reducing the burden is a goal. I would work with the ZBA and express the concerns and issues that are brought to my attention as a Selectman.

I have taken many phone calls after announcing my candidacy. The overwhelming support was fantastic. I had many conversations with residents that said, "Adam, seeing you take this on makes me want to do the same." The residents do want to be involved. Some just want to be listened to. Having an open-door policy and visibility in the community is the first step in generating more interest.

If elected we have a huge hurdle to overcome, COVID-19. Improving the town's financial standing requires an understanding of its economic impact. If elected I would sit with the Finance Committee to discuss ways to help better understand that impact. I can say we need to tighten our spending, prioritize our needs and look for funding opportunities

If the Town was to receive a grant for $1 million dollars, I feel that the town officials collectively would make the determination how to spend. This is and always will be a team effort.

Thank you, Adam Murphy

## Fieldstone Awarded License to Sell Beer & Wine

*Marion Board of Selectmen*

**By Mick Colageo**

Fieldstone Farm Market on Route 6 in Marion was awarded a license to sell beer and wine on Tuesday night during Marion's first public hearing since the coronavirus pandemic forced public meetings out of municipal buildings and onto remote access platforms.

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Owner Arnie Johnson, known to some in the Tri-Town as chairman of Rochester's Planning Board, did his own planning for Fieldstone with an abiding desire "to promote regional agriculture whenever possible.

"We've greatly expanded our cheese department since we opened three years ago," he told the Board of Selectmen, which hosted the hearing as a dry run of sorts while other Marion boards anticipate holding necessary public hearings in advance of the June 22 Town Meeting.

Town Administrator Jay McGrail and Board of Selectmen Randy Parker were safely spaced apart, operating on a dedicated phoneline at the Police Station, while Johnson, selectmen Norm Hills and John Waterman, and any other attendees participated via Zoom.

Facing no controversy, the town did not see through the full operating function of the continued hearing, as no one accepted the invitation to the public for comment on the matter. Johnson was happy to get the license that he says will augment Fieldstone's developing assortment of fine cheeses and meats.

"This would be an extension to go with that," said Johnson, who will major on locally produced wine. "My intention is to only have a couple of local wineries that would be in-line with our (land-use) goals... and possibly some craft microbrews."

Johnson reported that two cheese-tasting events held last year at Fieldstone drew approximately 150 customers. "That got the thoughts brewing toward maybe expanding like this," he said. Johnson told the selectmen he will attend the board's next hearing on Tuesday at 4:15 pm that will close out the hearing.

Before an official vote was taken, Waterman asked the other members if anyone saw a negative side to the issuance of the license, prefacing the question by admitting he regularly does business at Fieldstone.

There were no dissenting comments, and the board voted unanimously in favor of Fieldstone selling beer and wine. The hearing was officially continued and Johnson left the meeting.

McGrail had one action item for the board's consideration, seeking authorization to approve requests from Marion restaurants for outdoor seating in keeping

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with Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan that went into effect on June 8.

The expedited process does not require the approval of the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) or appearance before the Board of Selectmen, but it is a temporary order (through November 1) and subject to any pending orders of the governor.

McGrail will work with Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Scott Shippee to "make sure we're doing it safely," he said. "Honestly, for me, it's a way to reach out to local businesses to get them up and running."

This authorization will not apply to new licenses, only to existing ones in order to take the drag out of Phase 2. The board approved.

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McGrail told the meeting that so far Marion has 60 residents signed up to attend Town Meeting. He admitted surprise to the news only a few hours old that Mattapoisett postponed its own town meeting.

The Marion Board of Selectmen next meets on Tuesday, June 16, at 4:15 pm.

## Town Meeting Postponed – for Now

*Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen*

**By Marilou Newell**

"We don't know where local revenues are going to fall or what the state budget will be," said Town Administrator Mike Lorenco during the June 8 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen. Selectman Paul Silva opened the financial discussion wondering aloud if Town Meeting should be postponed at least until August to give the town time to adjust budgets prior to holding the annual meeting. Lorenco said he agreed with waiting to see where local revenues landed and with moving forward using the one-twelfth formula allowed by the state to continue conducting business until a new FY21 budget could be approved by the voters.

Governor Baker granted authority to cities and towns throughout the commonwealth to use one-twelfth of their FY20 town meeting-approved operating budgets to sustain business transactions the town needed, and pay salaries and other fixed costs. This fiscal process, although not new, became relevant to many communities trying to find safe ways to hold town meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Silva asked Selectman Jordan Collyer his thoughts on whether to try and hold a town meeting sooner rather than later. Collyer responded, "I'm not sure we know how the revenues are going. If we go with one-twelfth, we can rule Town Meeting out until we have some level of comfort (regarding local and state revenues) and then we can look at budgets again."

Silva agreed, saying, "I don't want to cut things out of the budget if we don't have to. By August or September we'll have a better idea, let's not come up with a date now."

There was some discussion about reopening the

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warrant, but the board determined that if allowed to do so they were in agreement that waiting was prudent. Silva, Collyer, and Lorenco also agreed that, given the economic ramifications of the pandemic on the state's revenue sources, financial outcomes might be dire.

Lorenco said, "We've already started to make a one-twelfth budget to use in place of a town meeting," anticipating the necessity to postpone Town Meeting. He also said that he, along with town clerk Catherine Heuberger, met at Old Rochester Regional High School to talk to the facility manager Gene Jones regarding how best to prepare the auditorium for a town meeting that needed to provide distancing.

Jones shared his concern that, if the town waited and held its town meeting in either August or September, sanitation procedures would be more difficult as students would be returning to the school by then. But Silva thought the possibility of holding Town Meeting outdoors in one of the athletic fields under a tent was feasible. Heuberger supported holding Town Meeting, while students were out of the school building, but Lorenco, while appreciative of her concerns, said, "…financially I'm in favor of postponing; losses from the state will be significant." The selectmen moved to set no date for Town Meeting at this time.

In other business, the selectmen discussed restaurant reopening plans but quickly heard from Lorenco that, while the town and Board of Health have


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been in discussions with local restaurants, none have provided a fully executed outdoor eating plan to date.

Lorenco said that he along with consultant Mike Gagne had discussed outdoor seating with Turks, Pandolfi's Diner, Taste Buds, Captain and Walrus, the Inn at Shipyard Park, and Rustico. He said that, while each was in the process of figuring out how to offer outdoor dining, none had provided a plot plan that could be reviewed by the Board of Health. Lorenco said that he was hopeful that by next week all plans could be finalized and ready to implement. Silva said, "We want to do everything we can to help these businesses." He told Lorenco, "As soon as you get those (plans), schedule a meeting so this can get done." Lorenco said the board did not need to meet to approve the plans, prompting Silva to say, "Let's go then as soon as they come in."

Regarding town elections, it is all systems go for Tuesday, June 16, as Heuberger explained the plans and preparation she has been making. She said that she had participated in an election in Plymouth and was able to see "what worked and what didn't work." She said she would have a minimum number of poll workers, and masks would be required as well as distancing. "People can bring their own black ballpoint pen, but we'll be cleaning pens and disinfecting throughout the day," she stated. Absentee ballots are still available for those wishing to vote in a truly remote fashion.

Ryan Fraine came before the selectmen with a proposal for his Eagle Scout project, construction of a volleyball court at Aucoot public beach. Silva wanted to ensure that the court would not take up any available sunbathing area and that, given that contact sports are not currently allowed due to COVID-19 restrictions, there isn't any urgency. Fraine said he was seeking permission from the board to set-up a meeting with the Conservation Commission as the first step in what will be a months-long process. Collyer asked Fraine to provide the board with a plot plan and, after meeting with ConCom, return to the board for further discussion.

On the theme of all things beaches, Lorenco said that public beaches were opening with lifeguards on June 29. He said that restrictions and beach-use guidelines are

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available on the town's website and included such things as mandatory wearing of masks, distancing, no group over 10 people, no day passes in an effort to keep number of beachgoers down, and no one closer than 12-feet from the lifeguard stands.

"Lifeguards will not be enforcing distancing," Lorenco said, but they would be charged with monitoring to ensure guidelines are being followed. "The beach house and showers will be closed," he added, but portable toilets will be made available. No beach games will be allowed such as volleyball, and he said people should plan on "carry in – carry out" policies. Lorenco stated that seasonal beach passes can be obtained at the outdoor service windows open between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

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daily at town hall. Access to the interior of town hall is by appointment only at this time, he said.

The Lions Club sought and received permission to display a banner attached to the gazebo at Shipyard Park from July 10-19 that will illustrate their service programs and membership drive.

Earlier in the meeting, the selectmen approved the application for funding from Plymouth County CARES program to overset COVID-19 expenses.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen will be posted at mattapoisett.net when scheduled.

## Assessors Article Debated for Town Meeting Warrant

*Rochester Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee convened on Zoom June 8 for a vote on the 20 warrant articles to be presented at Rochester's June 22 Town Meeting.

Most of the articles had been talked out in prior meetings with the Select Board, FinCom, and some with Capital Planning. Clarifications were sought and obtained, and votes were cast.

Article 10 was of particular interest to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, as the Board of Assessors has proposed $15,000 to fund state Department of Mandates for revaluation costs. This is an increase over the $10,000 requested in 2019, the first year of the program.

"They're building up a little mini-fund so they did not use the $10,000 from last year," explained Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar.

Town Counsel Blair Bailey explained that Principal Assessor Charles Shea will retire (on April 1, 2021) and the Board of Assessors expects it will need to outsource much of the work he has been doing over the past decade-plus. "(Spending) might end up actually being more than ($15,000)," said Bailey.

FinCom Chairman Kris Stoltenberg cited the potential of other departments "saying the same thing" creating an overall trend toward circumventing the budget process. "I have real hard time jumping into this with both feet," he said.

"I'm not a fan of building a war chest, then we feel like we have to spend it," said FinCom member Peter Armanetti.

Shea went to work for the town in 1988 as a contractor and at a time when revaluations were required every three years. In the computer age of annual revaluations, he has been working for the Board of Assessors in a full-time, appointed position.

"Assessors put in countless hours," said Assessor Jana Cavanaugh. noting that Marion and Mattapoisett put aside greater amounts to outsource such work. Cavanaugh said that five years ago all such work was done in house, but other towns now hire out to do commercial and residential inspections and building permits.

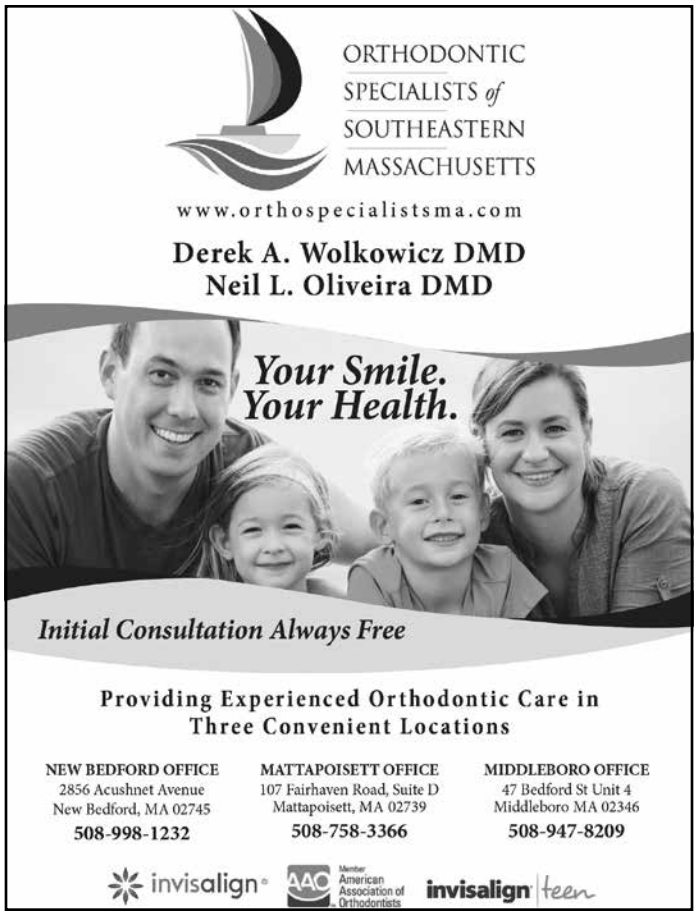
FinCom member David Arancio said, "We have limited commercial property so it's not an apples-to-apples comparison to other towns."

A year from now, Rochester's Board of Assessors will be without Shea and, despite the forecast of a replacement, is seeking more in the way of financial backing. Cavanaugh said that to find someone with Shea's expertise and willingness to tackle the jobs he does is not available at the salary that Rochester currently pays its principal assessor. "If the town does not want to do this, fine. But when it occurs, it could be substantial, it could be $40, $50, $60,000," she told the meeting.

"I think we should have a plan that designates how all of this is going to go down," said Selectman Woody Hartley. "I will make a motion to support this (article) this year with the understanding that we have a plan next year."

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend the articles, but FinCom held back its approval.

The selectmen and FinCom voted to recommend the FY21 Annual Town Meeting operating budget (Article 4) as presented at a total of $22,522,236, representing a 1.97 percent increase over FY20. Szyndlar said that the state Department of Revenue had approved Rochester's



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one-twelfth budget as a back-up plan should Town Meeting not be held for whatever reason.

After discussion, the Board of Selectmen, FinCom, and Capital Planning Committee all approved $99,900 from free cash for a highway excavator and related costs for the Highway Department, but the article may be pulled on the floor of Town Meeting pending further discussion. Szyndlar said the funding for the excavator was originally meant to be a Capital Planning project, but there was no funding source.

"I know we need this, but do we need it (now as opposed to in the fall)? I will support at this time," said Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Brad Morse.

Stoltenberg said it would be prudent to hold until the fall town meeting unless the need is urgent this summer, and the committee also voted to recommend with the understanding that the article will be pulled from the warrant on the floor of Town Meeting should it be decided that there is no immediate need.

Article 11, Capital Plan Funding at $97,476 for Rochester Memorial School ($26,776 for the second phase of its tech upgrade and $16,000 for an HVAC upgrade), $7,000 at town hall, $16,550 for a public message board, $14,000 for a freezer at the Council on Aging and $9,315 for a gas furnace and air conditioning upgrade at the COA) was approved by the selectmen, FinCom and Capital Planning.

Articles pertaining to town employees include: Article 3, a personnel bylaw amendment changing the classification and compensation of van drivers up by 2 percent to minimum wage ($12.75/hour from $12/hour); Article 7, OPEB (other post-employment benefits) funds for future obligations at $15,000, the normal annual amount; Article 8, an actuary audit every two years to fund post-employment at $6,300.

In an update to the general bylaws, Article 5 was voted for the recommendation of departmental revolving fund authorizations including an arbor fund from the fees paid by Planning Board applicants to invest in planting and other funds applicable to waste and recycling, fees for stickers for supplies, funds, and contractors. The fund would be annual with potential spending capped at $203,500.

Article 14 is a Walnut Plain Construction Project vote for $345,769 for all non-town sources to fund a construction restriction over all portions of land associated with the WPCP. The article may be pulled at Town Meeting, but it was put in the warrant.

Two articles were pulled from the warrant.

One is the call firefighters' service credit, which has been postponed to a subsequent town meeting. The other, the FEMA maps flood-plain district amendment, was pulled by the state. Szyndlar said that towns have been told to cease efforts to put that article on town meeting. FEMA, she said, will issue new effective dates, then towns will have to update their maps. Board of the

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Selectman Chairman Paul Ciaburri said it's looking like that will not happen until the annual spring town meeting in 2021.

Both the selectmen and FinCom voted against recommending Article 20, a citizens' petition proposing the transfer of $50,000 from free cash to reduce the tax rate.

Before FinCom adjourned, Stoltenberg said he hopes the selectmen will address Town Meeting on the matter, as will FinCom. "I do think it needs to be explained to the town... not at this time," he said, citing the financial uncertainty that has come with the coronavirus pandemic. "Now that we're into this situation where we don't know what the state is going to do, it doesn't make sense."

The selectmen and FinCom recommended Article 9, a proposed increase to the elderly tax exemption from $750 to $1,000, as put forth by the Board of Assessors.

The Board of Selectmen voted to sign the warrant as presented.

In other business, Hartley's plan for vehicle and foot traffic in and out of Town Meeting (Monday, June 22 at Rochester Memorial School) was discussed with a walkthrough planned for June 9.

Town Clerk Paul Dawson reported that, as of June 8, Rochester had received 432 vote-by-mail applications, which accounts for 9.7 percent of the town's active registered voters.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, June 15, at 11:00 am with a plan to vote on road-acceptance articles.

## Green Future for New Chairman

*Marion Energy Management Committee*

**By Matthew Donato**

In their meeting held on June 8, the Marion Energy Management Committee met over the Zoom platform to provide updates to Marion's future energy endeavors.

Town Planner Gil Hilario provided the committee with an update to the Benson Brook Solar Array Project. Drone surveys will be conducted to provide aerial imaging of the site. Hilario noted that the amount of power that can be provided by the site may exceed the amount that was initially proposed.

Committee Member Bill Saltonstall explained that further increases in potential power could come with the addition of solar panels to the slopes of the landfill. The sloping panels would come as added support to the panels placed on top of the capped landfill.

"It seems like their setting just used the top portion only, but I am trying to get the slopes used as much as possible," said Hilario. In a Board of Selectmen meeting, Hilario advocated for the use of panels on the slopes of the landfill to increase output. "If they use the slope, it's possible they could revise the financial statements," Hilario added.

"The Board of Selectmen may be using outdated information," said committee member Jennifer Francis. "Many capped landfills use solar panels on their slopes."

Francis advised the committee to provide examples of other towns that have successfully used solar panels on the slopes of their landfills. "It would be a win-win situation for the contractors and the town," she said. "They will have more panels, and we will have more renewable energy."

Hilario provided the committee with an update on the Green Communities Planning Project that would see the current Marion Community Center heating system replaced with electric heat pumps. The heat pumps use electricity to move heat from a cool space to a warm space, making the cool space cooler and the warm space warmer.

"We thought about the pros and cons, and we felt it was only a small price difference," Hilario explained. The heat pumps will be used the majority of the time heating the building in external temperatures from 30 degrees and up. When it gets below 30 degrees, the furnace will kick in to support the electric system."

Hilario explained that heat pumps are an innovative change that will support a reduction in the town's consumption of fossil fuels. As the heat pumps rely only on electric power, they can be supported by power generated by solar and wind farms. Amid concerns about having two different units requiring maintenance in the same building, Hilario explained that the heat pumps would use exiting ductwork inside the community center and therefore require little attention.

Saltonstall spoke before the committee to address broad issues related to the town's general energy consumption. According to Saltonstall, the average of the town's electrical cost for Fiscal Year 2018 was $2,500,000. Currently, Marion has accrued $2,100,000 in electrical costs and is trending in the right direction for significant savings. Though the savings are substantial, Saltonstall admitted that the decrease in costs was nowhere near the 20 percent decrease the town had hoped for over the course of a five-year period.

Saltonstall attributed much of the savings to work being done with Future Generation Wind. The wind farm has paid the town roughly $90,000 per year and $342,000 to the town in energy savings over four years. In addition to the savings, Saltonstall added that Future Generation Wind could assist the town with further energy projects. "As we think of work happening this coming year, we should remember that we can get help if we apply for it," Saltonstall told the committee.

In the conclusion of his reports, Saltonstall explained that the majority of the streetlights in Marion had had their existing lightbulbs replaced with more efficient LED bulbs. The more efficient lighting is another step the committee has taken to transition Marion into a greener community. The only streetlights that still need to be converted are located on Front Street. Saltonstall estimated that this left roughly 15 lights in the town that could be updated.

The committee's final business addressed the retirement of Chairman David Pierce from the Energy Management Committee. The committee unanimously thanked Pierce for his dedication to the committee and for the work he has accomplished.

Pierce's final act on the committee was to determine who would replace him in the role of chairman. The committee nominated and unanimously carried a motion for member Christian Ingerslev to take on the role of chairman.

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working with over the years," Pierce said in his closing remarks. "The movement forward we have made has been so impressive. It has been an honor to serve with you, and I have every reason to believe our work will continue forward. I wish you all the very best."

The next Marion Energy Management Committee meeting was not yet scheduled at press time.


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## Seasons, Steen on Road to Progress

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Matthew Donato**

The Rochester Planning Board tackled a number of public hearings in their remote access meeting held on June 9 and provided input on updated plans provided by the community.

Significant progress was made in the continuance of a public hearing relating to the access road being planned for a project at 22 Cranberry Highway. Phil Cordeiro, representing an application put forth by Steen Realty and Development, noted that most of the progress going forward relies on cooperation with the representatives from the adjacent Seasons Corner Market.

John Russell, representing Seasons, explained that he had met with Ken Steen on multiple occasions to determine details of the plan going forward. "We had a productive call, and we are moving forward with a solution that will make everyone happy," said Russell.

Rochester Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson explained that the updates to the plans seemed to be manageable and that the updated project resolved many of the board's previous concerns. "I don't see anything that's insurmountable here," said Johnson. "I feel confident that over the next couple of weeks the engineers will be able to address those concerns."

Despite most of the plan appearing satisfactory, the board did note that the design as proposed seemed to have a limited turning radius on the road that leads to Route 58. Concerns were raised that the limited space for turning might result in a potential hazard, as larger vehicles may need to cross into the other side of the road to complete the turn.

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mention of the fact that refueling trailers arriving at the gas station that accompanies the market may have an especially difficult time making the turn safely. Silveira suggested that, if possible, the road should be widened to safely allow large vehicles and trucks to make the turn without incident.

Cordeiro agreed that the plans did not accurately demonstrate whether there was sufficient room for such vehicles to safely make the turn. He mentioned that he would work with traffic engineers to ensure that the road and the entrance to the market were at safe and functional distances.

There was some confusion when Walter Hartley, representing a plan to divide a property located on Neck Road submitted by William Chamberlain, explained that an old access road would have to be removed. The division of the property into three new lots for sale would mean that the existing access road would need to be discontinued.

Hartley explained that the existing road was used by the Decas Cranberry Company to quickly transport goods from the bog to the road. With the division of the lot, the new owners will likely want the road removed. Although Hartley claimed that the road is private and there is nothing legally stating it must remain in use, Planning Board member Ben Bailey noted that tax maps for the town of Rochester show that the road is shown and named Ridge Road. Hartley explained that the road was not shown on the assessor's map. "We have done our research," Hartley explained. "There is nothing in our deed that says it's there. We don't think it has any legal standing."

As the road is located on private property, the board agreed that the discontinuation of the road's use would not impact their determination on whether the proposed plans would require approval from the board. Ultimately, in a unanimous vote, the board decided that no further approval for the plans would be required.

The meeting began with an update from Evan Watson of Prime Engineering regarding a permit application for a ground-mounted, solar photovoltaic array filed by Greg Carey. As the project progressed, Watson responded to the need for additional screening on the property by including a vegetated easement to the plans.

The easement was included in the plans after Watson discussed the desire for added screening to the solar array raised by owners of neighboring properties located on Sarah Sherman Road. "We believe that within the next couple of weeks we will have an easement drafted and signed," Watson told the board.

Watson noted that the easement would guarantee that existing trees are not the only measure screening the array from neighboring properties. "We are developing sightline plans from the adjacent residents," said Watson. "These show the views from outside the array, and how

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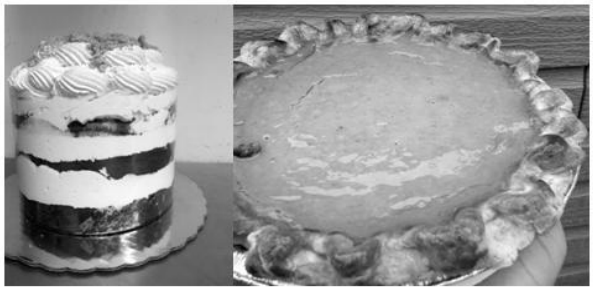
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the trees on our property and the easement provide screening for abutting properties."

The plan is nearing its conclusion, and Watson reported that the final steps for completion involve working with the Rochester Conservation Commission to resolve final additions to the plan relating to the drainage calculations for the site.

After approving minutes from the following meeting, the board moved on to discuss the potential for in-person meetings in the future. Johnson explained his hope for a potential meeting to take place in the future that would be a hybrid between remote and in-person meetings.

While it is likely that such a meeting will take place in the future, Town Counsel Blair Bailey suggested that the meetings should continue to be held remotely until proper instructions and plans for a hybrid meeting could be provided to the public.

The next Rochester Planning Board meeting is set to take place remotely on June 23.

### Mattapoisett to Apply for MVP Grant

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

During a very brief Conservation Commission meeting on June 8, the commissioners voted to send a letter of support to the Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Department as they plan the filing of Municipal


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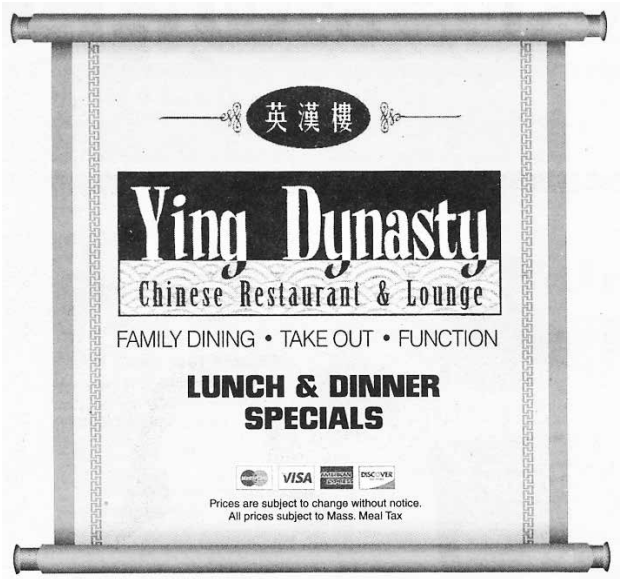


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In other business, a Certificate of Compliance was granted to William and Debra Poutsiaka, 4 Maple Road. Representing the applicants was Mark Manganello, assistant director of Ecological Services, LEC Consulting. Manganello said that he had reported on the planting plan over the last three years and recently met on site with landscape architect Michael Williams. He said he was satisfied that the applicant had met the conditions set forth by the commission and that ongoing conditions would include yearly post-growing-season reporting. The commissioners approved the request.

All other matters were continued at the request of applicants until ConCom's June 22, meeting. Those filings are: a Request for Determination of Applicability from Bria and Patricia O'Neill, 11 Mechanic Street, for the construction of a 22x25.5-foot garage, 10-foot addition, 6-foot covered porch and new driveway and deck within a FEMA flood zone; a Notice of Intent by Dale Leavitt of Blue Stream Shellfish, LLC, for shellfish and algae farming in Nasketucket Bay; a Request to Amend a Notice of Intent filed by Jesse Davidson, 22 Pine Island Road, for changes to plans for a home, driveway and grading; and a Certificate of Compliance request from Alexander Makkas, 16 Island View Avenue.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 22, at 6:30 pm via remote meeting; codes will be posted on the town's website.

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## Point Road Path Makes Slow Progress

*Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

Chairman John Rockwell told the June 4 Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission meeting that he and commission member Jeff Oakes are working on getting a Notice of Intent together to present to the town's Conservation Commission for a wetlands replication area to compensate for concessions that they are hoping to obtain in an Order of Conditions for the Point Road Path project.

"Jeff was very smart and got the wetlands replication area within our easement area. It's just 400 square feet so we snuck it in," said Rockwell. "I'm just doing the drainage calculations and then we'll be good for filing Notice of Intent."

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will fill in about 400 square feet of wetland, according to Rockwell.

"It can be a short process or a long process. I've never found it to be predictable," Rockwell explained to commission member Alan Harris. "It's at least two meetings. (ConCom will) have questions, then you have to answer those questions."

Rockwell told commission members he would distribute the application to them for review, then seek an appointment with the Board of Selectmen. According to Rockwell, the selectmen will have to sign as the owners of Point Road, and are also owners of the easement that the commission is working on. He attributed the "slow going" to COVID-19.

"Fortunately, you guys got a lot of on-the-ground work done pretty quickly at the beginning of the year, and the part where we had people come out and look at it while people could still look at things together so that was good," said commission member Amanda Chase.

Rockwell noted that the fieldwork was finished in January.

Oakes, who would join the Zoom meeting in progress, suggested that the commission "stake out" the remainder of the path where tree cutting would presumably take place and get the ball rolling on some parallel planning so that the overall project might be further along once ConCom responds to the NOI. "That's the critical path and it's going to be a long one," he said.

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Rockwell initially called it "a good idea" but upon further clarification wanted to get the NOI out of the way first. He said they can take advantage of the "dead space" in between the filing of the NOI and further meetings with ConCom.

The commission also tackled the subject of signage for conservation areas. Rockwell adapted some previously used signs and presented to the commission the signage as a color scheme.

The sign for Great Swamp Conservation Area says "Have a Nice Walk," "No Motorized Vehicles," "Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission" and the email address openscape@marionma.gov.

"It's not very professional-looking, but it has that homespun look which is good," said Rockwell, noting that the hand-drawn sign also fits the commission's budget of zero. He displayed an 18x12 inch, repurposed parking sign that he had sprayed the previously used side black to block out its former message.

Commission member Casey Gunschel was hoping to have a stencil made to bypass the artistic challenge and then be able to confidently produce the necessary signs. Chace and Town Planner Gil Hilario both liked the hand-painted sign.

Rockwell explained that the same information can go on signs for Grassi Bog and Goldavitz Bog conservation areas. Gunschel stressed the need for exact wording before attempting to produce more signs. Harris will work on a separate parking sign for Goldavitz Bog.

"I like to have 'Conservation Area' in the wording so people know it's not a park, it's not a party site. It's a conservation area where you can take a walk," said Rockwell. "It's different from other town properties in that it's for conservation."

Harris said that open-space maintenance is lacking with mowing during tick season. "I would love to mow at Grassi Bog," he said. "We had hoped for the DPW to possibly pencil us in, but it's not happening... It's an amazing tick-collecting site at the moment."

Rockwell said he will reach out to Town Administrator Jay McGrail, Department of Public Works Director David Willett and Board of Selectmen Chairperson Randy Parker to request their assistance in the matter. "It has to be cut because people can't use it. We're getting into prime tick season, June and July. June is bad," said Rockwell. "We have to get the town into mowing our paths; some are mowed, some are not."

Seniors are typically involved in helping with open-space maintenance via cooperation with the Council on Aging, but Hilario cautioned the commission that COA Director Karen Gregory has put senior workers on hold since the coronavirus pandemic affected Marion's operations.

The commission entered executive session to discuss land acquisition and did not return. The next meeting of Marion's Open Space Acquisition Commission was not announced.

## Gardner's Dedication a Manual for Teachers, Coaches

*Sports Roundup*

**By Nick Friar**

Even a pandemic couldn't stop former student-athletes and tri-town-area residents from paying their respects to Glenn Gardner, who passed away on May 30 at age 64 after a courageous battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

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girls varsity basketball team, along with some former teammates who had previously graduated. Each of the players honored the nine-year Bulldogs junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant coach by wearing their black uniforms with black joggers.

"It almost like was an honor guide," former Old Rochester girls varsity coach Bob Hohne said. "I know it brought me to tears, and to Paula Gardner (Glenn's wife)."

The former Hastings Middle School teacher also impacted his hometown Fairhaven community, working as a longtime varsity coach in softball, field hockey, and basketball. No matter where he went and who he worked with, Gardiner always did everything he could for student-athletes.

"I think he had a great rapport with the kids," Old Rochester athletic director Bill Tilden said. "We don't have a freshman program, it's a JV program. But a lot of those kids, it was their first time playing basketball and they're mixed in with kids that are battling for a varsity spot. He found a way to break down all the drills so all the kids understood it. Sometimes it's easy to talk over kids' heads when you're trying to explain certain defenses or what you're working on. But he found a way to really reach all those kids.

"One of the best parts is they never were worried about — if they didn't understand, they were willing to go to him with questions and they weren't too nervous because they should have got it already because the other kids are already doing it right. He was so approachable to all the kids, whether they were varsity or JV."

Hohne saw the same thing in Gardner.

"In terms of teaching the game, he was very, very sound fundamentally," Hohne said. "And he was an ideal match for our young JV players because he was patient with them. But also, he was demanding with them. He expected a level of performance for them that increased during the course of the season."

Gardner's efforts did not end with student-athletes. He gave everything he could for everyone, all the time.

"It didn't matter if you were a student or a colleague or somebody he might have just met off the street, he would give you the shirt off his back," Tilden said. "He would be the guy that would pull over to help you change a tire on your car, even if he didn't know who you were. He was just one of those people – no matter what – if you saw somebody in need, he was there for them."

Although it's difficult to pinpoint one moment that encapsulates Gardner, Hohne looks at the entire 2019-20 basketball season as a season-long illustration of the person and coach.

"I think what defined him as a coach," said Hohne, "was the idea that his health was failing even in December when the season started, and during the course of the season you could see him declining, his health

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declining. I said, 'Glenn, I'll come down and help you with the JV practice if you want.' And he said, 'No, my job is the JV practice. I plan, I conduct it.' And Russ Bailey was my freshman coach — although, we haven't had a freshmen team — (Bailey) would sometimes go down and help. But (Gardner) said, 'You stay at the high school and you make sure we've got the plans down on what we're going to do on what drills. Then, he'd come up to the varsity practice.

"(Gardner) was part of all the drills, but when we broke down into big men and little men, he always went down with the big men. I said, 'You know, I can stand at midcourt and do both. Take a rest.' He says, 'No. I'm going to do what I'm supposed to do as your first assistant.' So, as a JV coach, he never missed the practice. As a first assistant varsity coach, he never missed a practice. He felt he was obligated to do both."

A scholarship will bear Gardner's name, and a memorial celebration of his life is scheduled for September 13 at Century House in Acushnet.

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# Tri-town Police Logs

**MARION**
***Log highlights May 31-June 6***
- Planting Island Rd – Parking
- Mill St – MV collision
- Moorings Rd – Message delivery
- Front St – Parking enforcement
- River Rd – Disorderly person
- Parkway Ln – Suspicious MV
- Lady Slipper Ln – Follow up
- Dexter Rd - Fraud
- Island Wharf Rd – Disorderly person
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Front St - Fraud
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Point Rd - Fraud
- Delano Rd - Fraud
- Castle Dr – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – B&E/past
- Barnabas Rd – EMS/medical
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Harbor – Found property
- Wareham Rd – General offense
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical

**MATTAPOISETT**
***Log highlights May 31-June 6***
- Foster St - Complaint
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Reservation Rd - Trespassing
- Euclid Ave – Suspicious MV
- Marston Ct – Open door
- Ridgewood Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Barstow St – Stop sign enforcement
- Hitching Post Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln - Disturbance
- Linhares Ave – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Pine Island Rd – Larceny/forgery
- North St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Shaw St – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – MV crash
- Brookside Dr – Larceny/forgery
- Upland Way – Assist citizen
- Water St – Suspicious persons
- Acushnet Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Park St - Trespassing
- Beech Wood Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Water St – Ambulance request
- Wildwood Ter – Restraining order
- Deep Woods Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Reservation Rd - Trespassing
- Holly Woods Rd – MV crash

**ROCHESTER**
***Log highlights May 31-June 6***
- Kings Hwy – Animal control
- Randall Rd – Investigation
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Medical
- Randall Rd - Larceny
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- North Ave - Fraud
- Pierce St – Missing person
- Marion Rd – Officer follow up
- Hillside Rd – Medical emergency
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Parking issue
- New Bedford Rd - Investigation
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Suspicious MV
- Neck Rd - Fraud
- Thistle Ln – Medical emergency
- Marion Rd - Fraud
- Snipatuit Rd - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Ryder Rd - Investigation
- High St – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious MV
- Springwood Dr – Assist citizen
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Animal control

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To the Editor:

Last November a Special Town Meeting was held at ORRHS to address whether we wanted to change the zoning by-laws thereby allowing Mattapoisett to be the Southeastern Massachusetts wholesale cultivation and distribution HUB for the marijuana industry.

We work hard every day along with the police, schools, churches and others to create a safe environment for our children. How ironic would it have been if, while telling our children on one hand not to bully, steal, cheat, smoke, be promiscuous, or do alcohol or other drugs, we returned home that night and told them "Oh, by the way, we just voted to make Mattapoisett the cultivation and distribution HUB for the marijuana industry."

What an example we would have set and "yes" it's by example they learn … by watching what we do … not by what we say.

We are our children's Sentinels…teaching them what's right and wrong. This won't ensure success in life, but it will give them the best chance to be happy in a World fraught with harmful temptations.

I was lucky enough to have parents that led by example. My Father was a revered member of the Mattapoisett Police Department and my Mother a beloved teacher. The older people in Town tell me they remember


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# OBITUARIES

**Reverend Robert Alan Richards**, 74, of Orleans formerly of Wareham passed away on Thursday May 28, 2020.

On January 27, 1946, Robert A. Richardson made an epic debut at his family property in Orleans, Massachusetts during a giant blizzard. So powerful was the storm that the midwife barely made it to the house in time to welcome this extraordinary spirit into the world. Bob's story began as it concluded, in his family home 74 brilliant years later on May 28, 2020 following a valiant fight against esophageal cancer.

Born to Charles F. and Dorothy (Hurd) Richardson, Bobby's childhood was never short on adventure or hard work. He grew up running along the flats of Rock Harbor and Skaket Beach, building sand castles and fishing as much as possible. Bob loved his mother fiercely and he so admired his big sister, Joanne (Tramontana), laughing at holiday parties and sending lottery tickets to each other every birthday until Joanne's passing last year. The bond that he shared with his big brother Wayne was one for the story books: countless hours were spent working on the family fishing boat, (Conquest), running through the (then undeveloped) fields of Orleans, camping on hunting trips in Maine, and getting into just enough trouble to keep their parents on their toes, both with a mischievous twinkle in their bright blue eyes.

Over the years, Bob held many titles and worked in several professions. Years of working for the family businesses in commercial fishing and licensed plumbing were peppered with tenures as a high school history teacher, a registered nurse, a solar panel installer, a world record setting cross country bicyclist, and finally, as a minister for the United Church of Christ - his true calling. The Reverend Robert A. Richardson adored a captive audience and never once "recycled" a sermon even after being called to a new church. He truly enjoyed the aspects of his ministry that did not necessarily fall on Sunday (though his family relentlessly teased him that he only worked one day a week): leading youth group, cooking eggs for Youth Street Reach breakfasts, visiting retirement homes and hospitals, the Blessing of the Fleet every summer in Orleans, and performing a multitude of life celebrations for family, friends, parishioners and sometimes strangers.

Bob's proudest achievements in life were his children (Pamela Soderholm, Seth, Katie Carr, and Peter). He loved and admired each of his children immeasurably and shared unique and priceless bonds with all four. Among his gifts to them were his love for yard sales, cycling, binoculars, black and white horror movies, The Three Stooges, Christmas, ham salad and the ocean. But most importantly, his love for life, utter silliness and laughter were the gifts he joyfully passed along to his kids and to all six of his grandsons - Matt, Nick, George, Henry, Milo and Felix. Bob always said that grandfathers are little boys, just in ancient bodies and he embodied that concept to its fullest.

Bob's love for his children came second only to the greatest love of his life, his best friend and wife of nearly 50 years, Carol (Sataline) Richardson. Their boundless love was one founded on a friendship and respect envied by most. Bob had an uncanny ability to find silver linings through all kinds of weather, even through a stage four cancer diagnosis and a pandemic. He embraced every moment he spent with Carol and looked upon darker times ("his & her" hip replacements, quadruple bypass surgery, foot surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and quarantine) as an opportunity to simply "be" together, just them. Bob Richardson's happy place had no fixed spot on a map and could not be located on Google Earth because his happiest place was simply anywhere that Carol was. He took great comfort before his passing in knowing that all four of his children had found equal happiness in their marriages to Tom (Pammy), Hattie (Seth), Kevin (Katie) and Meredith (Peter).

Though this great man went by several names - Robert, Bob, Bobby, Reverend Richardson, Pastor Bob, The Egg Man, son, son-in-law, brother, uncle, husband, Dad, Grampa, Poppi - his family and friends know that he has found his reserved spot in heaven next to his mother, sister, father-in-law and multitude others who have been waiting to welcome him. Robert A. Richardson passed peacefully in his home, surrounded by his wife, brother, sons and daughters and their spouses following a week of hospice care there. His room was filled with love and laughter, albeit often through tears. He smiled in his sleep until his last moments. He loved truly and was so truly loved.

Memorial gifts may be made: Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center fund 234806 gastric/esophageal cancer research. www.massgeneral.org/donate

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A private family committal service will be held in Orleans cemetery. A memorial service will be held a t a later date to be announced. Funeral arrangements are in the care of Wareham Village Funeral Home.

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them well. These same people created the Town we know today…a Town that could have been the model for the saying "it takes a village."

Now, while we are home with our children during the pandemic we have a great opportunity to help them make sense of the World. We may never have the chance again to impart the virtues, skills, knowledge and culture of our individual families to them.

You know that night at ORRHS the proponents' attorney gave a polished presentation urging us to use a "thoughtful approach" and pass the Article while also claiming the Town stood to make a lot of money.

Then the Town Meeting Members spoke. Maybe they weren't quite as practiced as the attorney, but they spoke with common sense and "yes"… spoke thoughtfully too.

One man told us his daughter said she did "not want to even drive by Industrial Drive again" if we voted to allow this drug center to be built there.

Another Member questioned the accuracy of the figures comprising the projected financial windfall the Town would realize as he methodically dismantled their whole financial argument.

A young man spoke last… enthusiastically supporting the Article and use of marijuana in general saying that whatever our generation thought was really "irrelevant" … marijuana was here to stay.

I wanted to tell him, "No, actually we're all relevant and will be so long after we're gone … to our families, communities and country. The fabric of our lives is woven from the fine threads of all our acts and deeds, past and present. They're the same notes comprising the songs that play in the background of our daily lives. Families move here to contribute and enjoy these songs."

No one argued with him because we knew that when he has his own children he'll see things differently and he will be their Sentinel too as he tries to make sense of the World for them and steel them against other harmful temptations not yet imagined.

After all our discussions the vote was taken. The Members resoundingly voted to defeat the Article thereby sending the clear message that we did understand the negative effect it would have had on Mattapoisett, that we were completely aware our children were watching this vote and just as importantly … our Town was not for sale.


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# OBITUARIES

**Louise S. (Spooner) Kelsey**, 100, of Mattapoisett died peacefully on June 5, 2020 at the Alden Court Nursing Home, in Fairhaven.

She was the wife of the late Philip H. Kelsey, Sr., married 59 years.

Born in Plymouth, the daughter of the late Harold S. and Bertha L. (Ellis) Spooner, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life. Her previous residences included; Fairhaven, Poccaset and Newtonville.

Louise was a graduate of Fairhaven High School Class of 1937.

She was a member of; The Mattapoisett Congregational Church, The Woman's Guild - New Bedford Chapter Daughters of the Revolution, Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Mattapoisett Woman's Bowling League and a woman's bridge group.

She was formerly employed as a Civil Service examiner and an answering service operator.

She was also a school volunteer aide at Center School of Mattapoisett.

Later, Louise was elected President of the Alden Court Resident Council for 2-terms 2018-2019 and stayed in helping the board till her passing.

Survivors include 3 sons, Philip H. Kelsey, Jr. and his wife Linda and Gregory E. Kelsey and his fiancé Angela Brede, all of Mattapoisett and Robert A. Kelsey and his wife Karen of Maine (formerly of East Freetown); as well as several grandchildren; Susan Linhares, John Everett, Philip Kelsey III, Lisa Dumas, Evan Kelsey, Cameron Reedwisch, Jake Reedwisch and great grandchildren; Sean Everett, Tori Dumas, as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Diane Kelsey Carhart and the sister of the late Tobey Spooner and Sprague Spooner. She was also grandmother to the late Andrew Gregory Kelsey, John Philip Everett and great grandmother to the late Steven Everett.

Due to the current restrictions on public gatherings, her funeral service and burial will be private for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to; The Lighthouse Animal Shelter, 596 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA 02740. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett.

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## PUBLIC ACCESS
**Comcast Channel 9**
**Verizon Channel 36**

**Thursday June 11**, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM Registers Report
4:30 PM Arts Alive
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:37 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Chico and Bman Show
7:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Money Matters TV
10:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

**Friday June 12**, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:32 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM COVID Fraud and Scam Prevention
3:31 PM Racism in America (Part 5)
5:02 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Chundria Show
7:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
7:30 PM Gay USA
8:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
9:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

**Saturday June 13**, 2020
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:00 AM Recovery Recreation TV
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM Off the Shelf
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Arts Alive
3:00 PM Racism in America (Part 5)
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Money Matters TV
7:00 PM The Chico and Bman Show
7:30 PM The Chundria Show
8:00 PM Science 360
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Registers Report
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

**Sunday June 14**, 2020
6:00 AM Veterans Voice
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriels Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Health Talk
11:30 AM The Chundria Show
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Lucy's World of Painting
3:00 PM Cape Conversations
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM Off the Shelf
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Racism in America (Part 5)
8:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

**Monday June 15**, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM The Chundria Show
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
3:00 PM Reel Smaht
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM Stop My Crisis
4:30 PM Off the Shelf
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Racism in America (Part 5)
8:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Fox Robbins Report
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

**Tuesday June 16**, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:32 AM The Art of Tai Chi
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Recovery Fitness
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Racism in America (Part 7)
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Money Matters TV
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Books and the World
8:00 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
9:30 PM Gay USA
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

**Wednesday June 17**, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM The Art of Being Human
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM COVID Fraud and Scam Prevention
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM Reel Smaht
4:30 PM Registers Report
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
7:30 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

## MARION GOVERNMENT
**Comcast Channel 95**
**Verizon Channel 39**
**Daily Schedule**
7:00 AM Marion Finance Committee - June 3, 2020
8:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - June 4, 2020
8:36 AM Marion Board of Selectman - June 2, 2020
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission - June 3, 2020
11:09 AM Marion Board of Selectman - May 26, 2020
12:30 PM ORR District School Committee - May 27, 2020
3:03 PM Marion Planning Board - June 1, 2020
3:30 PM Marion Finance Committee - June 3, 2020
4:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - June 4, 2020
5:06 PM Marion Board of Selectman - June 2, 2020
6:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - June 3, 2020
7:36 PM Marion Board of Selectman - May 26, 2020
9:00 PM ORR District School Committee - May 27, 2020
11:33 PM Marion Planning Board - June 1, 2020

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
**Comcast Channel 95**
**Verizon Channel 40**
**Daily Schedule**
7:00 AM Rochester School Committee - June 2, 2020
8:38 AM Rochester Planning Board - May 12, 2020
9:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - June 2, 2020
11:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - June 1, 2020
11:33 AM Rochester Planning Board - May 26, 2020
1:30 PM ORR District School Committee - May 27, 2020
4:03 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - May 18, 2020
5:01 PM Rochester School Committee - June 2, 2020
6:39 PM Rochester Planning Board - May 12, 2020
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - June 2, 2020
9:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - June 1, 2020
9:33 PM Rochester Planning Board - May 26, 2020
11:30 PM ORR District School Committee - May 27, 2020

## EDUCATION CHANNEL
**Comcast Channel 97**
**Verizon Channel 37**
**Daily Schedule**
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Rock Hound Presentation
8:32 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Value of Native Plants
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:18 AM Sippican Vocabulary Day 2020
10:30 AM ORRHS FORM Choral Concert - May 10, 2020
11:31 AM Call to Action COVID-19
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORRHS FORM Choral Concert - May 10, 2020
1:31 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
2:33 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Wildflowers Presentation
3:42 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Butterfly Man
4:51 PM Sippican Vocabulary Day 2020
5:00 PM Call to Action COVID-19
5:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Value of Native Plants
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Butterfly Man
8:39 PM Marion Art Center - John Magnan Presentation
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Rock Hound Presentation
10:32 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Rossini, Reed, Raum Concert
12:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update

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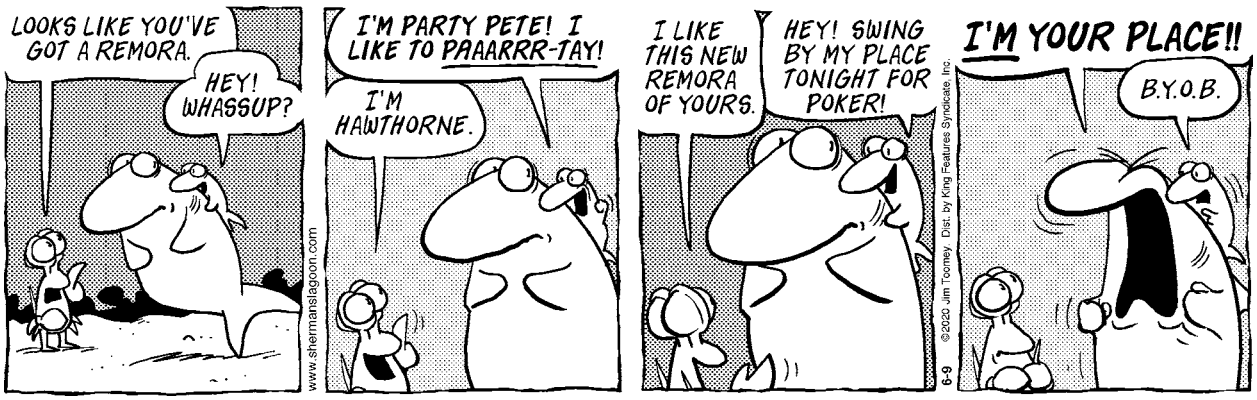
**SHERMAN'S LAGOON**
**by J.P. Toomey**



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Bob Moore, Mattapoisett

### Academic Achievements

Assumption College has announced that **Mackenzie Drew**, of Rochester, Class of 2022, has been named to the College's Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

**Benjamin Sudduth**, of Marion, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Colorado College. Sudduth was one of 524 undergraduates to be celebrated virtually by Colorado College on May 31. The college also awarded 15 Master of Arts in Teaching degrees.

### Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This week we feature 24 West Drive. The northernmost house on West Drive was built for Charles W. Leonard. The house was designed by Coolidge and Carlson. Leonard was a prosperous proprietor of a woolens business called Holden, Leonard, and Company. Leonard, a resident of Newtonville for many years, is last listed as a Marion summer resident in the 1910-1911 Wareham

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# Movie Review

## Life During Wartime

**By Rob Gonsalves**
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***Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker.* Starring Daisy Ridley and Adam Driver. Directed by J.J. Abrams. Running time: 142 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now available on physical and streaming home media.**

And so we return one final time to the Skywalker family. After *Star Wars Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker,* we are told, there will be no more stories told about the spawn of Darth Vader and *their* various friends, spawn, and acolytes. With this, I officially lose interest in the *Star Wars* franchise; even back in 1983, when I thought *Star Wars* was over, I couldn't find any hunger for the comics or the "expanded universe" novels or any of the other things Lucasfilm devised to keep the brand a going concern until George Lucas revisited the saga sixteen years later. So the multimedia Joseph Campbell rewrite will have to chug along without me.

This last go-round neither disappointed nor thrilled me; it just exists. There's always something going on, and that's part of the problem: there's never *not* something going on, no pause for breath, no beauty or poetry. We ain't got time for that now. The Final Order, a bunch of bad guys led by the Big Bad Guy, the resurgent Emperor Palpatine, plans to subjugate or destroy every planet everywhere. The Good Guys leap to the rescue — identity-crisis Jedi in training Rey (Daisy Ridley), rash pilot Poe (Oscar Isaac), former stormtrooper Finn (John Boyega). Meanwhile, good-bad guy Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) wants to save Rey from Palpatine. His deal is as tangled as ever.

Some thematic relevance could be teased out of the previous entries, *The Force Awakens* (2015) and *The Last Jedi* (2017). The latter, which I consider the best of the new trilogy, dripped some poison into the ears of the faithful. Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), like Achilles, renounced the heroic code; he literally tossed his lightsaber over his shoulder in disgust. Well, we'll have none of that now, not with non-entity J.J. Abrams (who made the first of the sequel trilogy) at the helm. Abrams' insight seems to be that the fans want endless lightsaber duels and shoot-outs and spacecraft looping around. Some of the action has a shoot-the-works electricity, but the special effects are as hectic, busy, and essentially insecure as anything in Lucas' prequel trilogy. Abrams strains so hard not to lose our attention that, through sheer narrative vehemence, he loses it anyway.

There are some pleasures. I felt it would be churlish to try to make out the seams in Carrie Fisher's performance — cobbled together from unused footage — as General Leia. I was grateful for however much the moviemakers could give me of her. Billy Dee Williams, as the returning Lando Calrissian, comes through with a suave turn that helps to remind us that acting was once possible in these things. (Adam Driver just about sprains something trying to make something real out of Kylo Ren's nightmares of conscience, but he did better under the tutelage of Rian Johnson, a real director, on *The Last Jedi.*) The young trinity of new stars sprint this way and that, hopping from world to world, in search of a McGuffin called "the wayfinder" that will lead them to the lair of Palpatine. This dark emperor is as boringly eeeeeevil as ever, and his connection to one of the heroes feels underdone, as if Abrams and his writers were wincing and hoping the parallels to a similar revelation in *The Empire Strikes Back* wouldn't strike us as too blatant.

We're frequently reminded of the stakes — this needs to happen or the bad guys will be very bad and everyone will die — yet the demands of fantasy on this budgetary level guarantee there are no real stakes. People die but come back one way or another; the total outcome is never in doubt. Here and there, a bit of business tugs at the old nostalgic feelings: Daisy Ridley's teardrop falling on Carrie Fisher's (or a double's) shoulder; a droid, cowed by past abuse, who declines a human's touch with a prim but slightly panicked "No, thank you." Even old Luke returns as a force ghost, reassuring Rey and us that he was wrong and it's important for good to stand up to evil. That point is made here in the most generic of ways; it doesn't risk resonating with the world we live in, which even Lucas' goofball prequels at least tried to do. That much-derided "deathstick" bit in *Attack of the Clones,* for instance, at least tried to engage with human frailty outside the franchise, albeit in a laughable dad way. Nothing like that here.

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## Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham / New Bedford Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service, industry, and farming.

We congratulate Senior **Will Gauvin** of Mattapoisett for being selected as Student of the Month for April by the Old Rochester Regional High School Faculty and Staff.

We congratulate Senior **Zoe Kelley** of Marion for being selected as Student of the Month for May by the Old Rochester Regional High School Faculty and Staff.


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# TriTown Happenings

*Several hundred people marched from the Mattapoisett Park and Ride on North Street down to Shipyard Park on June 5 to participate in a "Black Lives Matter" protest organized by Bridgewater State University professor Sarah Thomas and Bristol Community College professor Stacie Hess and promoted by Tri-Town Against Racism. Speakers included 2014 Old Rochester Regional High School graduate Talon Gomes, 2020 ORR graduate Jendell Teixeira, 14-year-old Abby Durr of Mattapoisett, and 16-year-old Marion native and Tabor Academy student Sydney DaSilva, who wrote and performed her song "Right Now." Photos by Mick Colageo*

*Mattapoisett native and 2014 Old Rochester Regional High School graduate Talon Gomes tells his story of racism encountered during his college years.*

*Jendell Teixeira, a 2020 Old Rochester Regional High School graduate, shares the urgency of the moment.*

**These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com**

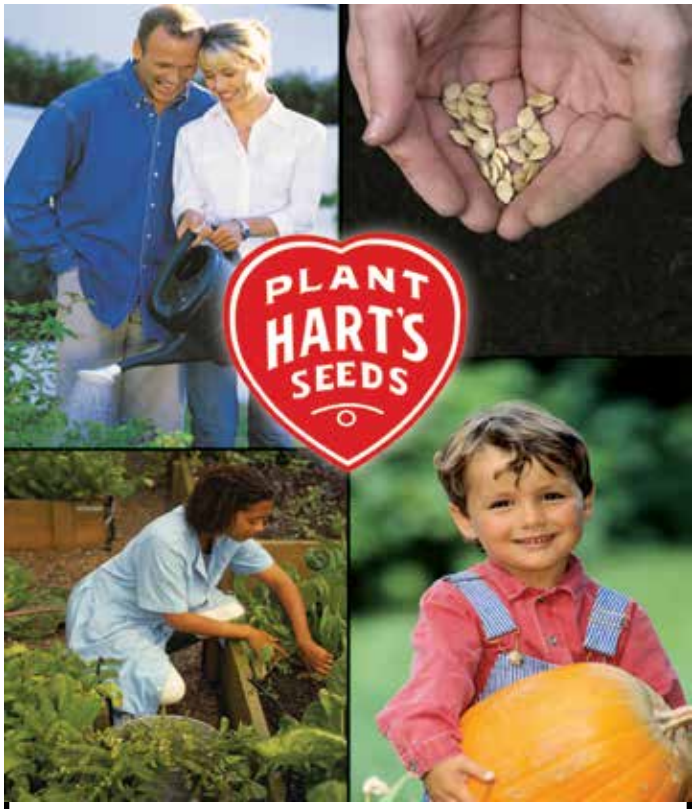
## Mattapoisett Road Race Goes Virtual 2020

Although there will be no in-person race this year, the Mattapoisett Road Race committee encourages you to get out and exercise while supporting the class of 2020. Funds raised by the road race normally go towards members of the graduating class as stipends for college. We would like to continue supporting the seniors this year, especially with all of the current uncertainty caused by COVID-19. That is why we will be hosting a virtual road race! Participants can register online, and then run five miles between June 26 to July 2. The five miles can be run at any location you like. The registration donation fee will be $25. If you sign up by July 1 and would like a Mattapoisett Road Race t-shirt, you can pay an extra $15, and it will be mailed or delivered to you. Please take a photo of yourself during the run and we will put it on the website. To register or learn more information, please visit our website at www.mattapoisettroadrace.com/

## Mattapoisett Library

*Summer Reading Kits and Online Programs* – This summer may be different but we still want to offer our children and families some fun activities and reading incentives through our Summer Reading Program. Starting **June 16** through **August 3**, go online to register or fill out the form and mail it to the library to let us know you are interested.

After you sign up you can stop by the library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# TriTown Happenings

*Signs of summer at crescent beach. Photo by Faith Ball*

*Canada geese by Cathy O'Gorman*

*Mattapoisett Animal Officer Kathy Massey was called to the area of Route 6 at the Mattapoisett/Marion line late Friday morning for what turned out to be a Tegu Dragon crossing the road. The 4-foot Tegu was transported to Mattapoisett Animal Hospital for treatment and was then brought to an undisclosed location for nourishment. Photo by Kathy Massey*

*Ellie Higgins shared photos of the graduate display along Route 6 outside Old Rochester Regional High School.*

**These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com**

during a designated time to receive a participation kit for each child which includes a necklace and tag for your beads, a reading log and a free book.

Each week that you participate, you'll receive a kit from the library which will include a newsletter with ideas and activities, an assembled STEM activity, a craft by the Art Lab, a bead for your necklace and special gifts, or activity sheets. Children can choose the weeks they want or they can get kits all summer long.

If you report your reading to the library for the week, you'll also get a raffle ticket for our grand prize of a signed Bruins Jersey with your picture in the local paper.

We'll also be hosting several virtual programs this summer including a fun music concert with Tom Sieling and STEAM programs from Ed the Wizard, Mastermind Adventures and Hands on Nature.

For more information on up-coming children's programs, please visit our website at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org/childrens or like us on Facebook.

## The Bugs that Bug You

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library has arranged for Blake Dinius from Plymouth County Extension to speak about ticks and mosquitoes to residents of our local area towns. This will be a free Zoom presentation that will take place on Monday, **June 29** from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Registration is required for this free presentation. Please email bdinius@plymouthcountyma.gov

For as long as people have been alive on this earth, ticks and mosquitoes have existed. More than just annoying, the bite from one of these can pass on germs with life-altering consequences. Most people know something about mosquitoes and ticks such as to wear long sleeves and pants or use DEET. But what they DON'T know may leave them vulnerable. Understanding mosquito and tick biology holds the key to preventing disease. In this workshop, we will bust myths and discuss both chemical and non-chemical protection methods. With the right knowledge and tools, all vector-borne diseases are preventable.

Blake graduated with a degree in Biology from UMass Boston. After six years with hundreds of insect research studies under his belt, Blake began working for Plymouth County Extension as the Entomologist Educator. Currently, Blake's focus is on vector-borne disease prevention. As an avid angler, camper, and hiker, he believes New Englanders should enjoy the outdoors with the right knowledge.

## Rochester Council on Aging

The full monthly newsletter is available on our website, www.rochestermaseniorcenter.com. Events and information is also on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/rochestercoa.

The Rochester Senior Center is working with

the AARP Foundation to finalize tax preparations for the seniors who are still waiting for assistance. If you are waiting for tax assistance from AARP, they will be contacting you directly in the near future.

The Rochester Senior Center will host in-person town elections on Wednesday, **June 17**. The screening for illness guidance set-forth by the MA Department of Public Health will be followed. If you are not feeling well or have cold-like symptoms, you are encouraged to vote via mail.

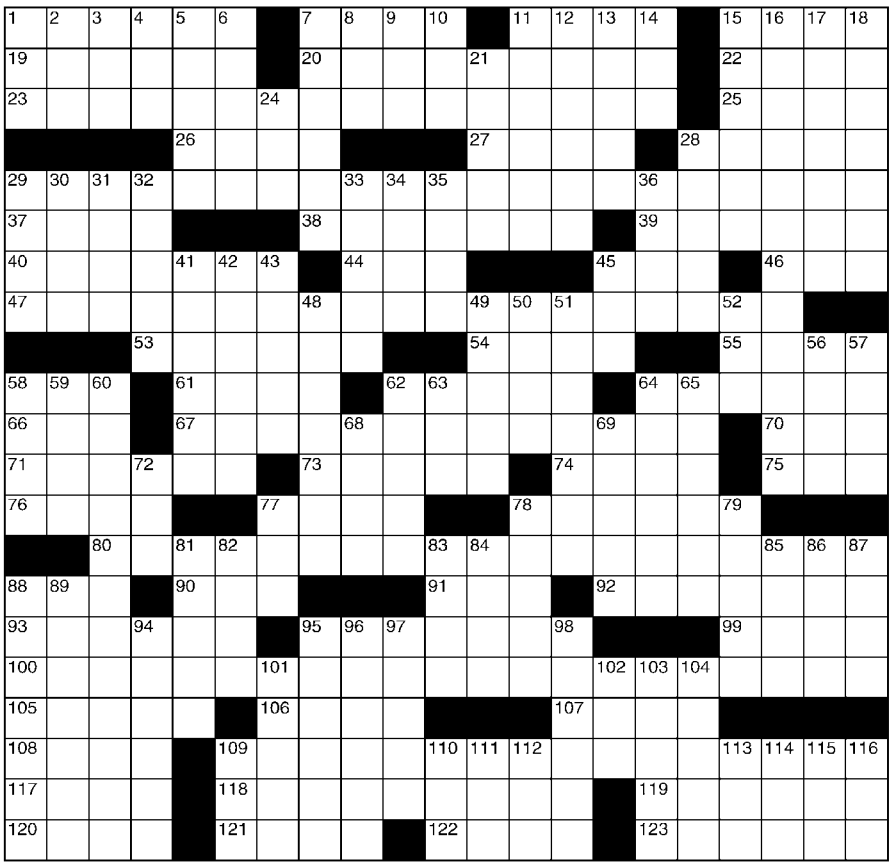
Phase 2 of the re-opening in MA will bring the return of some activities and meals held at the Rochester Senior Center with restrictions. Seniors are asked to take their personal health status into consideration when deciding whether or not to visit the Rochester Senior

# Super Crossword

**FALL NICKNAME**

**ACROSS**
**1** "Alto Rhapsody" composer
**7** Amount of medication
**11** Very close pals, briefly
**15** Lay away
**19** Handbook
**20** Among other things, in Latin
**22** A, in Austria
**23** Start of a riddle
**25** With the stroke of —
**26** Busily engaged
**27** Actress O'Grady
**28** Actor Baio
**29** Riddle, part 2
**37** Brain part
**38** Vends again
**39** New York port on Lake Ontario
**40** Some weather lines
**44** Untold millennia
**45** Gallery works
**46** Frat.'s counterpart
**47** Riddle, part 3
**53** Epitomize
**54** Volcano outflow
**55** Waikiki whereabouts
**58** Coll. e-mail ending
**61** Coyote kin
**62** Stopped sleeping
**64** Actress Dana
**66** Truckload
**67** Riddle, part 4
**70** Kid's "It" game
**71** Four-time Indy 500 winner
**73** Supreme Court justice Sotomayor
**74** Get-out-of-jail fee
**75** Metal-bearing rock
**76** Tarnish
**77** — vu
**78** Mortar and —
**80** Riddle, part 5
**88** Mo. no. 10
**90** I-10, e.g.
**91** — mater (brain cover)
**92** Smears with holy oil
**93** Engender
**95** In dire —
**99** Songstress Eartha
**100** End of the riddle
**105** Wise words
**106** Mr. Spock's pointy pair
**107** Flood figure
**108** Feeling, informally
**109** Riddle's answer
**117** "— do in a pinch"
**118** Desirous of equaling someone else
**119** Advanced to the starting point, as a tape
**120** Floor votes
**121** "Fat chance"
**122** Deleted, with "out"
**123** Salsa brand

**DOWN**
**1** German car
**2** Yell of cheer
**3** California's Santa —
**4** Castaway's shelter
**5** Irked with
**6** Sluggish mammal
**7** One trying to lose weight
**8** Yoko of music
**9** Big inits. in fuel additives
**10** Elver, e.g.
**11** Lauren of "Key Largo"
**12** Natural talents
**13** Daughter, in Dijon
**14** Paradise of "On the Road"
**15** Manatee or dugong
**16** Praise with a cap motion
**17** "Just the last item is left"
**18** Tried to get
**21** Kingly
**24** Snapshot, for short
**28** Blues singer — Monica Parker
**29** Stepped off
**30** Little snack
**31** Wind instrument
**32** Prove false
**33** Indigent
**34** General — chicken
**35** Monopoly card statistic
**36** Spear
**41** Nonetheless
**42** Detach, as a book page
**43** Clown prop
**45** Flat — board
**48** Radiates
**49** Hawaii "hi"
**50** Tolerate
**51** 50-50 gamble
**52** Cheat
**56** Use one's 106-Across
**57** Impulse
**58** Guesses at JFK
**59** Judo hall
**60** Too large to be strained, maybe
**62** Former UN leader Kofi
**63** Doughboys' conflict: Abbr.
**64** Bleach
**65** Shout at
**68** Magic hex
**69** Actress Smith of Tyler Perry films
**72** Bullfight holler
**77** Passing grade, barely
**78** Greek philosopher
**79** Slezak or Eleniak
**81** Shaw playing a clarinet
**82** Powerful car engine
**83** On — (of equal value)
**84** Nero's 53
**85** Faithful wife of Geraint
**86** Suffix with bachelor
**87** Booming jets of old
**88** Nero's wife
**89** Crassness
**94** Winged ones in heaven
**95** Absorb
**96** Part on a drama series, say
**97** Dreadlocks wearer, often
**98** Basked
**101** "I love you," in Spain
**102** Sushi sauce
**103** Vanzetti's partner in anarchy
**104** D-day time specification
**109** Forest lair
**110** Ingested
**111** Mingle
**112** Rd.'s cousin
**113** Authorize to
**114** Lofty work
**115** Floor cover
**116** Relaxing site



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# SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Still operating under a full head of self-esteem makes you want to tackle a matter you had shied away from. OK. But be sure to arm yourself with facts before you make a move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That smart move you recently made caught the attention of a lot of people, including some with financial deals to offer. Use your Taurean wariness to check them out thoroughly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Shyness might keep you from asking for more information on a potentially important matter. But your curiosity grows stronger by midweek and gives you the impetus for data-gathering.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on too many tasks may not be the wise thing to do at this time. You might overspend both your physical and emotional energy reserves, and have to miss out on some upcoming events.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to keep your spending at an affordable level. Splurging now -- especially on credit -- could create a problem if your finances are too low for you to take advantage of a possible opportunity.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not approve of a colleague's behavior during much of the week. But don't play the judgmental Virgo card here. As always, check the facts before you assume the worst.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coping with an old issue that has suddenly re-emerged could take a big toll on your emotional energies. Decide whether you really want to pursue the possibilities here.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) For all your skill in keeping your secrets safe, you could be unwittingly letting one slip out by the way you're behaving in that new relationship. Are congratulations soon to be in order?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good old-fashioned horse sense could help you get around those who unknowingly or deliberately put obstacles in your way. Ignore the confusion and follow your own lead.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A puzzling attitude change in a colleague from friendly to chilly might stem from a long-hidden resentment suddenly bubbling up. An open and honest talk should resolve the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week, many ever-generous Aquarians might find themselves feeling an acquisitive urge. If so, indulge it. You've earned the right to treat yourself to wonderful things.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to get a lot of advice on how to go about implementing your plans. But once you've sorted it all out, you'll probably find that, once again, your way will be the best way.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy the quiet times of your life, but when you're in the mood, you can throw a party everyone will want to go to.

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## ORR Top Grads

On behalf of Old Rochester Regional High School, Principal Michael Devoll is proud to announce the top ten graduates of the Class of 2020 (in alphabetical order):

**Mary Clare Butler**
**Emma Rose Gabriel**
**Ian Antonio Gomes McCann**
**Alexa Lyn McLeod**
**Alexandra Corinne Moniz**
**Natalie Elizabeth Nilson**
**Danielle Deveau Nutter**
**Rachel Michelle-Marie Perry**
**Cecilia Pearl Prefontaine**
**Mackenzie Elizabeth Riley**

## From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

**By Connie Eshbach**

Many of the families that have made up the Rochester community over the years have left their mark in street and place names. Just a few of them are Varella and Bisbee Corners, Dexter Lane, Raynor Gifford Memorial Park, Hartley and Rounseville Roads, and Plumb Corner.

One early inhabitant of Rochester and his descendants left a legacy of large and lovely homes along New Bedford Road. The Haskell family's patriarch came from Salem to Rochester in 1692. As the story goes, he was called to be a juror serving on one of the Salem witch trials. He was so appalled by the injustices being perpetuated that he saddled his horse and vowed to go as far as his horse could carry him in 24 hours. Because of this, he is referred to as "Witchcraft" Mark Haskell in Rochester historic accounts.

After his arrival in town, he bought many acres along what is now New Bedford Road. He became active in the work of the town and was the first Town Clerk

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An Open Hearing of the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding a Special Permit Application for Groundwater Protection, filed Greg Carey of Rochester MA 4, LLC c/o Clean Energy, 27B Midstate Drive Suite 106, Auburn, MA 01501, for property located at Sarah Sherman Road, designated as Lot 8C, Lot 8L and 13 on Rochester Assessors Map 28.

The applicant proposes to install a large scale ground mounted photovoltaic solar array on portions of Assessor's Map 28 Lot 8C and an access drive through portions of Map 28 Lot 13 and 8L off of Sarah Sherman Road.

The applicant's representative is Evan Watson of Prime Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 1088, Lakeville, MA 02347. The property owner of record is William Souza, 139 Sarah Sherman Road, Rochester, MA 02770.

The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA.
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 6/4, 6/11

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An Open Hearing of the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding a Special Permit Application for Groundwater Protection filed by Featherbed Lane South Solar, LLC, Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772, for property located at 0 Featherbed Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lots 24 on Assessor's Map 46.

The proposed project includes the installation of a large-scale ground-mounted solar array and associated access road, perimeter fence, storm water management systems, and grading located in the residential/agricultural district.

The property owner of record is Judith Dupont, 123 Rounseville Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant's representative is Eric Las, Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.

The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA.
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 6/4, 6/11

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The Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding the Road Acceptance shown on a plan's entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Forbes Road" dated March 10, 2020 and "Roadway Acceptance Plan Douglas Corner Road" dated March 10, 2020, filed by Edgewood Development, 3 Belcher Street, Plainville, MA 02762 for property located at Forbes Road and Douglas Corner Road in Connet Woods, Rochester, MA 02770.

The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA.
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 6/4, 6/11

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm regarding a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Fogcutter, LLC.

This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Applicant proposes to perform improvements to the existing seawall which consists of filling the voids in the face of the seawall with stones and cement.

The project is located at 50 Ocean Drive which is further identified as Lot #15 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #15B.
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1757) submitted by Jonathan Keith, to place sod in an area which was recently stripped of an overgrowth of invasive vegetation (the removal of vegetation was previously approved) at 15 Shellheap Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 29B on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Doubrava, Chair

The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. The phone number to call in during the meeting is 508-748-3509. This phone number is only used during meetings.

Public hearings will not be closed and will be continued to a future meeting date in order to allow the public to comment or ask questions. To submit questions or comments on any application please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov. 6/11

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:40 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1758) submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, to replace a post and nest base for an Osprey Pole at Peirson Woods Preserve on Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 29 on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Doubrava, Chair

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:50 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1759) submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, to cut phragmites by hand and the stalks carried off site at Brainard Marsh Preserve on Delano Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 1 & 1A on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Doubrava, Chair

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and the oldest town records began with him in 1697. The plans for the first meeting house, built by Peter Blackmer, as well as those for Center Cemetery were laid out at his house.

The houses at 600, 541, 561, and 575 New Bedford Rd. were built by Haskell's family over the years and while the houses remain the Haskells are long gone.

The last of "Witchcraft" Mark Haskell's descendants was Eugenia Haskell. She has always caught the imagination of Rochester historians. Born in 1819 she was said to have been a "youthful beauty" with many lovestruck suitors. Eugenia had a unique and interesting personality and could speak knowledgeably about books, plays, politics and current events. She entertained poets, philosophers, and at least one President at her home.

Eugenia never married and eventually lived alone at the family home on Walnut Plain Road, which she managed with the help of a hired hand. My favorite story about Eugenia is that as she was entertaining guests in her drawing room, the hired hand came in to say that one of the cows had a turnip stuck in its throat. Eugenia excused herself to her guests and went out to the barn. While the hired man held the cow's mouth open, she pushed up the sleeve of her "dainty" gown, reached in, and pulled out the turnip. Then she went back to her guests. I hope she washed her hands first.

Eugenia died tragically at 89 in 1907 when an early blizzard struck unexpectedly. Alone, she went to tend to the animals in the barn. When her hired man was finally able to get there, he found her, frozen to death.

Anyone with questions about Rochester history can contact us either on the Rochester Historical Society website or at eshbach2@ aol.com.

### Marion Annual Town Meeting

The Marion Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, **June 22** at 6:45 pm at the Sippican School. Reservations may be made by emailing Deb Paiva at dpaiva@marionma.gov. Please include the name, address, email, and phone number of who will be attending and whether you wish to be seated together. Entrance will be through the back doors at Sippican School and masks are required.

### Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election

Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 16**. The polls will be open at Old Hammondtown School from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Voters are encouraged to wear masks and bring their own black ballpoint pens. There will be many precautions taken to keep everyone healthy and safe. The number of voters allowed into the polling place at one time will be reduced and there will be a limited amount of poll workers. Please be patient on election day!

Absentee ballots are available for those wishing to take advantage of that option and stay home on election day. The link is below. Please remember that absentee ballots may be returned by hand to the Town Hall or mailed back in advance of election day. If returning an absentee ballot on June 16, please bring it directly to the polls and hand it to the Town Clerk. Please do not bring it to Town Hall on June 16 as the staff of the office will be over at Old Hammondtown School.


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## LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
WATER DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

Water main flushing will be conducted from June 15, 2020 through June 26, 2020.

Flushing will begin Monday June 15, 2020 at 8:00 pm and will continue until 3:00 am on June 16, 2020.

Flushing will be continued from June 16, 2020 through Friday June 26, 2020 during the daylight hours from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.

Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street east to Aucoot Road and including Crescent Beach, Point Connett, Hollywood's, and Pease's Point.

Chlorine will be injected into the system before flushing begins and will continue for a period after flushing is completed.

Henri H. Renauld
Water and Sewer Superintendent 6/4, 6/11

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 8:00 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1760) submitted by Carl Hebert, to remove old railroad ties and bricks from existing patio, replace with a layer of stone then pavers and walls will be made of stone using the same footprint at 59 East Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 62 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff Doubrava, Chair

The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. The phone number to call in during the meeting is 508-748-3509. This phone number is only used during meetings.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number W20-5760
Owner: Pamela Lees
NOTIFICATION DATE: June 16, 2020

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Pamela A. Lees to construct and maintain a boat lift system, anchor piles, gangway, floats and a stone and concrete seawall and to reconstruct and maintain a concrete boat ramp at 49 Water Street, in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Sippican Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2873. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 6/11

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TOWN OF MARION
TOWN MEETING
PUBLIC NOTICE

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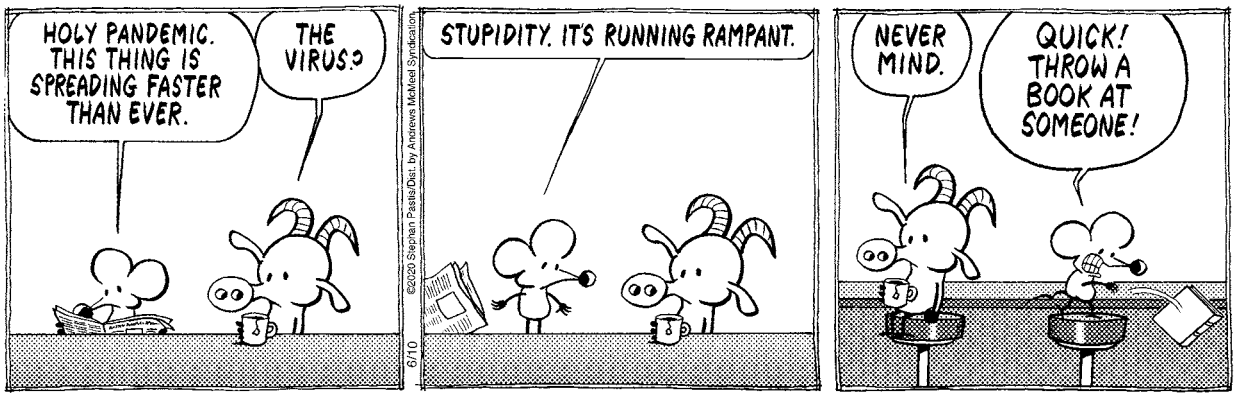


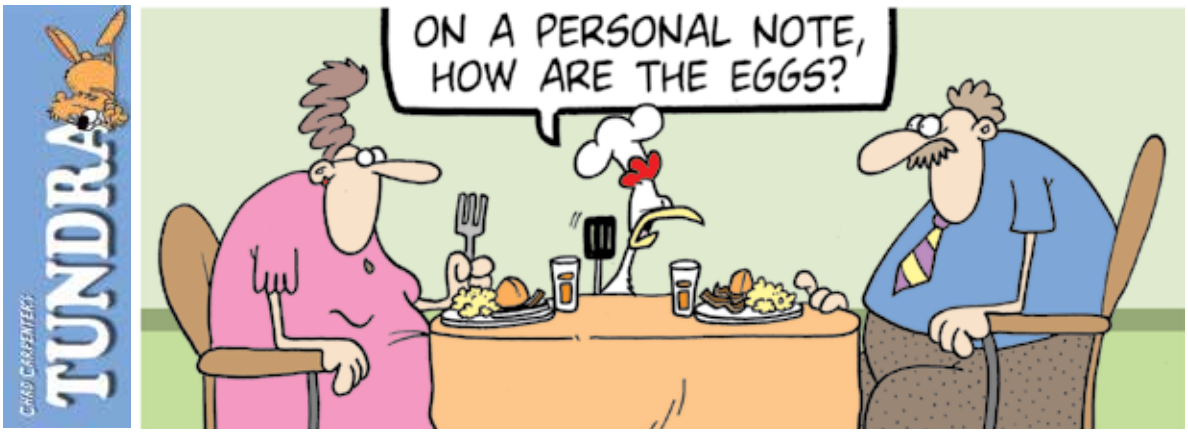
If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2 or email the Town Clerk, Catherine Heuberger directly at townclerk@mattapoisett.net. Absentee ballots are available at: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf

### 2nd Annual AHA! Pride goes Virtual

After a break-out inaugural year, AHA! Pride is happy to announce that we are bringing the block party experience directly to your home. Curated and coordinated by the Queer Arts Council of New Bedford, in partnership with AHA! and the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network, this year's AHA! Pride Digital Block Party will stream live for Virtual AHA! (Or VAHA! for the cool kids).

This experience is possible thanks to the generous support from Mass Cultural Council's Festival Grants and the New Bedford Creative's placemaking grant, Wicked Cool Places. Without their commitment to creative problem-solving in the arts during COVID-19, we wouldn't be able to bring you a jam-packed show!

The lineup includes amazing drag queen performances by Queens of the South Coast's Crystal Diamonds and Jaihla Rhodes, our drag sisters up in Boston: Secret Queen, Kirbie Fullyloaded, Robin from Human Resources, and Binx, and performances by 3rd EyE Unlimited's CHANWTHEPLAN and Shanai Nadia.

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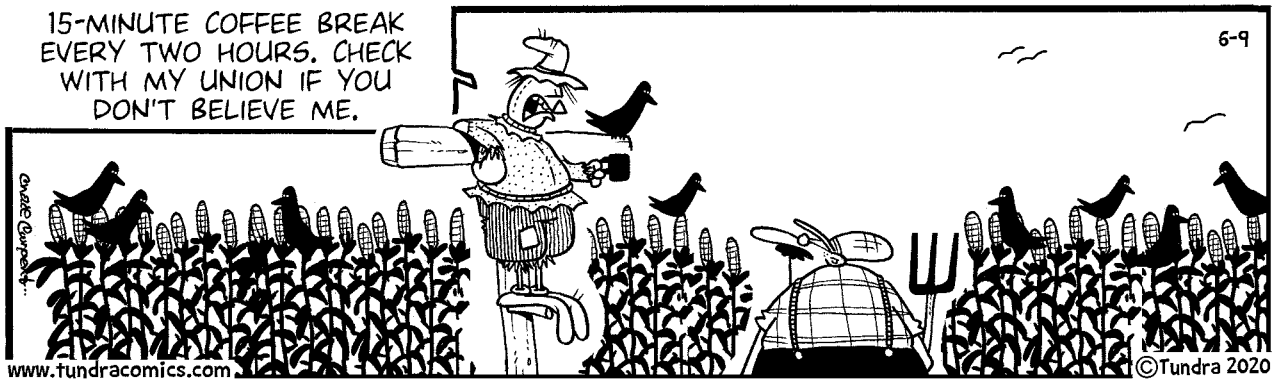

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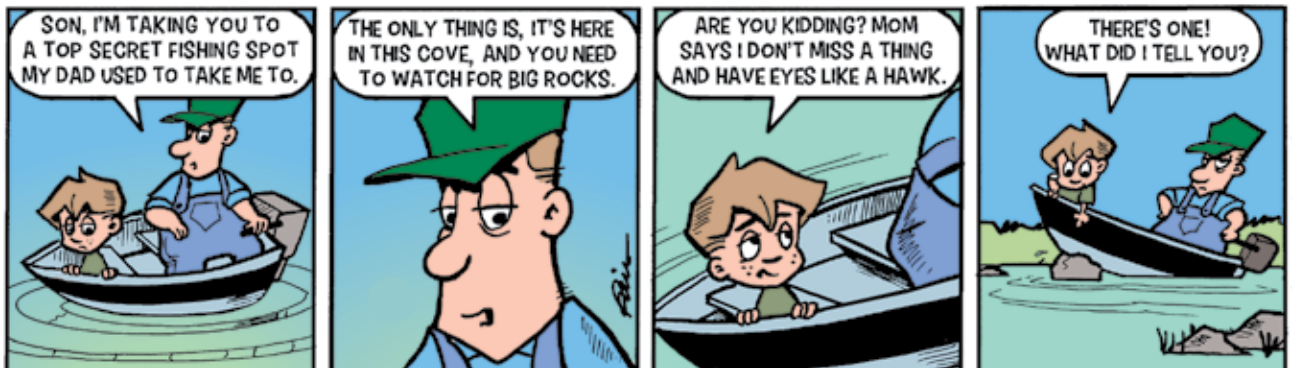

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## Calling All Photographers

The Rochester Historical Society and the Rochester Land Trust are again co-sponsoring a photo contest. Rules are as follows: 1. Subject: Sites and Scenery of Rochester; 2. No people in the photo; 3. Black and white or color photos that are not photoshopped; 4. The photo must be taken in Rochester; 5. Anyone in any town may enter; 6. Groupings: Youth (16 and under), Adult (17 and up); 7. Give the location of the photo, your name, address, age category, phone number; 8. One entry per person; 9. Any photo not following these rules will be disqualified; 10. Board members of the Land Trust or Historical Society are not eligible.

Email entries to rochesterphotocontest@gmail.com by midnight on **September 7**, 2020. Top three photos in each age grouping will receive monetary prizes: $50 First Prize, $35 Second place, $25 Third Place. Winners will be chosen by the Board of Directors of both the Land Trust and the Historical Society and posted on the Facebook pages of the Historical Society and the Land Trust following the judging. Any questions, contact rochesterphotocontest@gmail.com

## Mattapoisett Library to Start Circulating Materials

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will be offering no-contact pickup of books, movies, music, magazines, and other items at the side entrance, beginning Tuesday, **June 23**. Patrons may reserve any circulating item owned by the Mattapoisett Library by placing a hold in the SAILS library catalog, emailing the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org, or by calling the library at 508-758-4171. If you are unsure of your library barcode and PIN number to reserve materials, please contact the library.

General requests are also welcome, such as books about a particular subject, or by a certain author, even if exact titles are not known. The staff is welcoming all types of requests for recreational reading and information.

When a patron's request is received, the items will be retrieved, checked out, and placed in a bag. The patron will be contacted to arrange for a pick-up time. Items will be placed on a table inside the side door of the library. Pick-ups will be scheduled between 10:30 am and 4:30 pm, Tuesday through Friday. Some hours will also be available on Saturdays.

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆**

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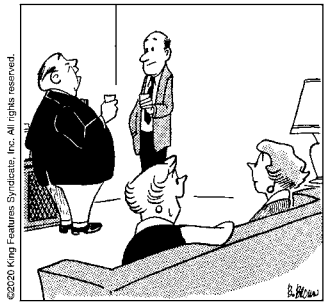


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**TODAY'S WORD**

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The book drops are not yet open. Patrons are asked to not return any library materials at this time. Do not leave them on the pick-up table. Due dates will be extended.

The library staff is happy to finally be able to provide patrons of all ages with books and other library materials. They look forward to seeing everyone (from afar) during materials pick-up at Library in the weeks ahead, and can't wait for the day when they can open the doors and invite patrons inside once again at a date to be determined. In the meantime, the library continues to offer a wide variety of virtual programs and links to helpful information. Please check the website mattapoisettlibrary.org and/or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates.

## Announcing Auditions at the Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center has announced open auditions for all roles in the upcoming production of *Good People*, written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by Jacob Sherburne.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, **June 14** from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm by scheduled appointment at the Marion Art Center at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA OR by Zoom audition. If auditioning in person, social distancing will be observed. Please wear a mask. Email jacob@jacobsherburne.com to schedule an audition appointment.

Material: Please bring any monologue or scene, or ask for the sides when you send your email request. A reader will be provided on audition day. Performances are currently scheduled for **August 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23**. All Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 pm, and Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00 pm.

Synopsis: In South Boston, this month's paycheck covers last month's rent, and tough-scrabble single-mom Margie just got fired from another job. Encouraged by her merciless bingo sisters, she looks up her high school sweetheart to see if the dust has cleared, and she can make her escape. A hilarious Boston drama about the intersection of class, gender, and race in Southie and Chestnut Hill, by Pulitzer Prize-winner David Lindsay-Abaire.

Director Jacob Sherburne will be casting four females and two males. For details on the parts being filled, visit: https://www.marionartcenter.org/auditions/

Callbacks will be determined at a later date. Rehearsal schedule to be determined once the show is cast. For more information, please contact the director or Marion Art Center at info@marionartcenter.org.

## Marion 4th of July Parade Canceled

It is with much regret and heavy hearts that the Town of Marion announces that we have decided to cancel the 2020 Marion 4th of July Parade.

While this was a difficult decision, we believe that since we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is in the best interest of the health and safety of our residents to cancel the event.

We have asked ORCTV to put together a video of past parades to air on July 4th. Even though we can't be together in person to celebrate, this is a great way to relive past parades and look forward to 2021. Stay safe everyone.

## Mattapoisett Recreation Cancels Summer Programming

After extensive meetings with Town Administrator Michael Lorenco and Board of Health agent Kayla Davis, the Mattapoisett Recreation Department announced that they will not be running their Seahorse Explorer summer camp program and all other summer programming due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns. Greta Fox, Recreation Director for the Town of Mattapoisett, sited that due to lack of a definitive start date and protocols/guidelines from the state, that it is not feasible to plan programs and implement training and changes that would be necessary at this time. "We are extremely disappointed (that) we will not be able to offer our scheduled programs. This decision was made, as always, with the safety of our children and their families in mind." Mattapoisett Recreation will continue to monitor the situation and hopes to get programs up and running as

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The BBMF has worked hard to find the safest solution and appreciate the community's understanding and support of this decision. There will be music – wonderful music – in July 2021. Mark your calendars for July 14 through July 18, 2021!

### Marion Annual Town Meeting and Election

The Annual Town Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, **June 22** at 6:45 pm.

The meeting location will remain at the Sippican Elementary School, 16 Spring Street. Due to the need for social distancing, chairs will be arranged seven feet apart in the multi-purpose room, cafeteria, and gymnasium. This configuration will seat approximately 170 residents. Couples and/or people sharing a household will not be required to sit seven feet apart.

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for residents who plan to attend in person. Residents who RSVP to attend are encouraged to arrive early to facilitate check-in and get to an assigned chair in one of the designated rooms. All residents who register to attend must wear a face mask.

The multi-purpose room will be used to broadcast the meeting to the cafeteria and the gymnasium, as well as the Tabor field house if used, and to Zoom. Communication set up between the rooms will allow for questions.

Please RSVP by June 15, 2020, by emailing Debra Paiva at dpaiva@marionma.gov. If you are not able to email, you can make a reservation to attend by calling Debra Paiva at 508-748-3520. When making a reservation, please provide your address and telephone number and specify whether you wish to be seated singly or as a couple/members of the same household.

The Town Election is scheduled for Friday, **June 26** at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street. The revised voting hours will be 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please visit www.MarionMA.gov to view a sample ballot.

Everyone is asked to bring their own black pen, mask, and gloves. Social distancing will limit the number of voters in the building to 10 at one time, and voting booths will be separated and cleaned after each use.

In an effort to encourage voting by mail, the Town Clerk has mailed each registered voter in town an Early Voting Ballot Application. Voters are encouraged to take advantage of the vote by mail option to reduce the potential voter interactions at the polls and potential wait times due to the limited number of voters allowed in the building at one time.

You have to be a registered voter in order to participate in the Annual Town Meeting and vote in the Annual Town Election. At this time, the Town House is closed to the public; however, you may register online here: www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr. If you would like to check the address, status or party on your voter registration, please go to: www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch.

Questions or concerns about early voting, voting applications, or ballots can be directed to Town Clerk Lissa Magauran at 508-748-3502 or LMagauran@MarionMA.gov.

## Rochester Historical Society Meeting Canceled

The Rochester Historical Society will not be holding its **June 17** meeting and program. Hopefully the "Lighting the Way" program can be presented in the fall. Until then, on "The Lighting the Way" website from the Whaling Museum, you can watch 10 two-minute videos on area women who have positively impacted their communities and you can vote on your favorites. For more information, visit www.historicwomensouthcoast.org

## Lions Cancel Harbor Days

In 1983, Harbor Days was conceived by then club President Arthur Blackburn. Who would have guessed that almost 40 years later, the term "Harbor Days" would represent a week's worth of events that would be something akin to a major holiday (in this part of the world, anyway!) This special week each July includes the Triathlon, Shopping at Shipyard, Paint Nights, local talent, entertainment, the famous strawberry shortcakes, lobster dinner, fish fry, pancake breakfast, silent auction, You Pick 'Em raffle, Grand raffle, and, of course, the arts and crafts fair.

And who would have guessed that 2020 would bring a pandemic that would change life as we previously knew it to be? Sadly, life may not be the way it was for quite a while. With that, and after much consideration and deliberation, it is with heavy hearts that Mattapoisett Lions Club's Board of Directors has voted to cancel all Harbor Days 2020 events. This is a decision that was not reached quickly or easily. We hope you understand the desire to keep everyone's safety and well-being first and foremost in our minds.

We will look forward to planning Harbor Days 2021 and seeing you all at Shipyard Park once again, enjoying all that Harbor Days has to offer.

Our sincere thanks to each and every person who continues to support our club's mission to help local residents in need, provide scholarships to local students, promote diabetes awareness, and make donations to Massachusetts Lions Eye Research. We could not do any of this work without you.

## Curbside Service Starts at Plumb Library

The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester has started curbside service. Patrons can call the library at 508-763-8600 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or email info@plumblibrary.com to request a book, magazine, DVD, or game. If it is owned by Plumb Library and is on the shelf, it will be checked out to the patron, placed in a paper bag, and put in a container placed near the book drop. Pickups will be available from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Please do not place returns in the container. The library is not accepting returns at this time. For more information or to request a book, call, or email the library.

## Mattapoisett Land Trust Annual Meeting

Mattapoisett Land Trust will conduct its 2020 Annual Meeting using the digital platform Zoom on Sunday, **June 14** at 4:00 pm. Members may call into the meeting using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. To register for the meeting (pre-registration is required) please send an email with your contact information to info@mattlandtrust.org. MLT will confirm your registration and provide sign-in information for the

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meeting. We look forward to "seeing" all our members on June 14.

### Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride provides one of the most scenic coastal cycling courses in all of New England, and it returns for its 14th year on Sunday, **October 4**. Cyclists of all ages and abilities can sign up now to bike 35, 75 or 100 miles at the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride by visiting www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride.

The Watershed Ride is a fun community event that supports a great cause: clean water in Buzzards Bay. More than 300 cyclists participate in the Watershed Ride each year, pedaling through 11 coastal communities and passing more than 3,300 acres of conservation land protected by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and other conservation organizations.

Starting in Little Compton, R.I., the 100-mile route travels past coastal farms and villages, picking up the 75-mile riders at Horseneck Beach State Reservation in Westport and the 35-mile riders at idyllic East Over Farm in Rochester. All three route options finish together at a waterfront celebration in Woods Hole on Cape Cod, complete with cheering supporters, a hot dinner, beer and wine bar, live music, and complimentary massages. With a fun food truck lunch stop, water and snack stations every 20 miles, ace bike mechanics on the route, and shuttles for both people and bikes, cyclists are well cared for and supported.

Dartmouth resident Sandra Medeiros is preparing to participate in her fifth Watershed Ride with the South Coast Bikeway Alliance team. "I ride because I love my Bay. I swim in it, kayak on it and hike and ride along it. I appreciate all that the Coalition does to protect it. Giving residents equal opportunity to all that the South Coast offers along with clean water is important.

"Our South Coast Bikeway Alliance team supports these efforts and like the Coalition is working to connect communities," Medeiros said. "The 50-mile Bikeway, when completed, will connect people and places in the South Coast with pathways that offer safe, equitable transportation as well as opportunities for recreation."

Last year, riders like Sandra raised a total of more than $220,000 to support the Coalition. Each rider raises a minimum of $300, and prizes go to riders and teams that raise the highest totals. Many riders form a team with friends and training groups like the "Bourne Rail Trail Blazers," "ReThink Plastics," and "Cape Cod MOVES."


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### ORCTV Annual Meeting

Old Rochester Community TV will hold its annual meeting via Zoom at 5:30 pm on Thursday **June 25**. The annual meeting will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. The nominees for 2020 are:
Mike Devoll – Marion seat
Danny White – Mattapoisett seat
Elaine Botelho – Membership seat
Linda Medeiros – Rochester seat

### Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, June 15: Shepherd's pie, peas & mushrooms, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit
Tuesday, June 16: Lasagna roll-up w/tomato basil sauce, Genoa vegetable blend, dinner roll, pineapple
Wednesday, June 17: Lemon chicken, Florentine rice, glazed carrots, oatmeal roll, fresh orange
Thursday, June 18: Seafood casserole, penne pasta, green beans, multigrain roll, peaches
Friday, June 19: Chicken cordon royale, garlic mashed potatoes, Malibu blend, egg dinner roll, pears

### School Lunches Available

Old Rochester Regional is continuing to provide meals for all children, ages 0-18, during school closure. These meals are free and can be found at the following meal site locations: ORR High School, Center School, Sippican Elementary, Rochester Memorial. Meals are available Monday through Friday from 10:30 – 12:30 pm. Meals includes free breakfast and lunch for each child.

## Real Estate Transactions

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| Buyer(s) | Seller(s) | Address | City | Date | Price |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No Transactions this period. | | | | | |

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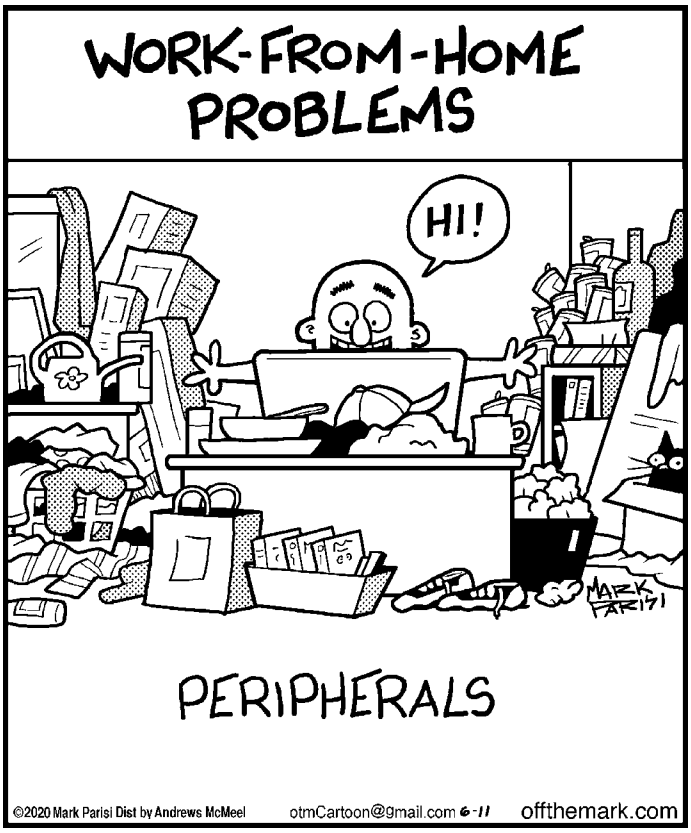
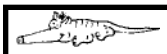
**off the mark** by Mark Parisi




## Local Tides

| Day | Date | High a.m. | High p.m. | Low a.m. | Low p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday | June 11 | 12:55 | 1:25 | 6:33 | 6:36 |
| Friday | June 12 | 1:45 | 2:16 | 7:25 | 7:47 |
| Saturday | June 13 | 2:33 | 3:05 | 8:21 | 9:13 |
| Sunday | June 14 | 3:20 | 3:55 | 9:13 | 10:19 |
| Monday | June 15 | 4:11 | 4:47 | 10:00 | 11:09 |
| Tuesday | June 16 | 5:05 | 5:37 | 10:44 | 11:54 |
| Wednesday | June 17 | 5:55 | 6:21 | 11:26 | |
| Thursday | June 18 | 6:41 | 7:00 | 12:35 | 12:06 |
| Friday | June 19 | 7:23 | 7:39 | 1:17 | 12:47 |
| Saturday | June 20 | 8:05 | 8:18 | 1:59 | 1:29 |
| Sunday | June 21 | 8:47 | 9:00 | 2:42 | 2:12 |
| Monday | June 22 | 9:31 | 9:44 | 3:24 | 2:57 |
| Tuesday | June 23 | 10:17 | 10:30 | 4:03 | 3:42 |
| Wednesday | June 24 | 11:06 | 11:20 | 4:40 | 4:28 |
| Thursday | June 25 | 11:58 | | 5:19 | 5:17 |
| Friday | June 26 | 12:13 | 12:52 | 6:03 | 6:12 |
| Saturday | June 27 | 1:09 | 1:47 | 6:54 | 7:19 |
| Sunday | June 28 | 2:04 | 2:42 | 7:53 | 8:44 |

| Phases of the Moon | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Last Quarter | June 13th |
| | New Moon | June 21st |
| | First Quarter | June 28th |
| | Full Moon | July 5th |



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the June 4, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 37!

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B | R | A | H | M | S | | D | O | S | E | | B | F | F | S | | S | T | O | W |
| M | A | N | U | A | L | | I | N | T | E | R | A | L | I | A | | E | I | N | E |
| W | H | A | T | D | O | P | E | O | P | L | E | C | A | L | L | | A | P | E | N |
| | | | | A | T | I | T | | | | G | A | I | L | | S | C | O | T | T |
| A | N | O | R | T | H | C | E | N | T | R | A | L | R | E | G | I | O | N | O | F |
| L | O | B | E | | | | | R | E | S | E | L | L | S | | O | S | W | E | G | O |
| I | S | O | B | A | R | S | | E | O | N | | | | A | R | T | | S | O | R |
| T | H | E | U | N | I | T | E | D | S | T | A | T | E | S | E | A | C | H | | |
| | | | T | Y | P | I | F | Y | | | L | A | V | A | | | O | A | H | U |
| E | D | U | | W | O | L | F | | A | W | O | K | E | | W | Y | N | T | E | R |
| T | O | N | | A | U | T | U | M | N | W | H | E | N | T | H | E | | T | A | G |
| A | J | F | O | Y | T | | S | O | N | I | A | | B | A | I | L | | O | R | E |
| S | O | I | L | | | | D | E | J | A | | | P | E | S | T | L | E | | |
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| V | I | B | E | | D | A | K | O | T | A | M | A | N | Y | C | O | L | O | R | S |
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| A | Y | E | S | | N | O | P | E | | E | X | E | D | | O | R | T | E | G | A |

## SCRAMBLERS

*solution*

1. Gander; 2. Warden; 3. Sprite; 4. Shame

*Today's Word*

**WEIGHT**

## Sudoku Answer

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 |
| 7 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| 4 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| 5 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| 1 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 1 |

**off the mark** by Mark Parisi

# Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

*SALE EFFECTIVE:*
*Friday, June 12 – Thursday, June 18, 2020*

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–8pm

## Quality Produce

1 lb. Pkg. California
**Strawberries** ..... $2.99

California White or Yellow
**Nectarines** ..... $2.99 lb.

Black
**Plums** ..... $2.99 lb.

Seedless
**Red Grapes** ..... $2.49 lb.

Sweet & Juicy
**Cantaloupes** ..... 2/$5

3 ct. Pkg.
**Romaine Hearts** ..... $2.99

## Wine & Beer

All Beer is Plus Deposit

748 ml, 4 Pack Assorted Varietals
**Sutter Home** ..... $6.99

1.5 Liter, Assorted Varietals
**Woodbridge** ..... $12.99

12 oz. Cans, 15 Pack All Varieties
**Floyd's Spiked Tea** ..... Reg. $18.99 $17.99

We have over 75 varieties of wine (& more coming) that are only 3/$15 or $5.99 ea. Mix & Match wines from California, France, Italy, Argentina, Chile, & Australia!

FLOYD'S SPIKED BEVERAGES

## Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Fresh
**Baby Back Pork Ribs**
$3.99 lb.

Imported
**Boar's Head Swiss Cheese**
$9.99 lb.

Store Packaged
**Asian Noodle Salad**
$4.99 lb.

Boneless, Petite
**Pork Sirloin Roast**
$3.49 lb.

Dear friends & customers,

To stay posted on the latest information about store hours, product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update to brighten your day, we have created a new

LIKE US

**Facebook** page for the store!

Please "Like" and "Follow"...

**Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner**

Please email your order with your phone number to Plumb@FriendsMarketplace.net for

**Curbside Pickup**

We are here for you and are honored to serve you during this unprecedented time.

*– The Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team*

*SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!*

*Open at 7am daily!*
*Please check our Facebook page for any modifications to store hours during this unpredictable period (Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner). We will remain open & be here for you!*

**Safety Guidelines**
- Face covering required at all times in the store
- Limit trips (buy more at once)
- Only 1 shopper per household when possible
- Keep a safe social distance

# Friends' marketplace
at PLUMB CORNER

565 Rounseville Rd.
Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

*We now offer curbside pickup! Please call the store for details.*

We reserve the right to limit quantities & correct typographical errors. Illustrations are for design purposes only. Items are while supplies last and no rain checks. Due to current market conditions, item retails may change and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

***SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, June 12 – Thursday, June 18, 2020***

Due to the current environment and uncertainty of availability, some meat & produce items may not be available. Thank you for understanding.

# FATHER'S DAY SAVINGS!

Friends'
Premium, Black Angus
New York, Boneless
**Top Sirloin Steak**
**$8.99 lb.**

Friends'
In-Store Roasted
**Roast Beef**
**$13.99 lb.**

Blue Diamond
64 oz. Selected
**Almond Breeze**
**2/$7**

Talenti
16 oz. Selected
Sorbetto or
**Gelato**
**$4.99**

Heineken
12 oz. Bottles
Selected
**12 Pack**
**$15.99** + Dep.
Reg. Price: $16.99

Oyster Bay
750 ml New Zealand
Sauvignon Blanc
**Wine**
**$12.99**

## Grocery, Dairy, Frozen, & Bakery

Poland Spring
1 Liter Selected
**Sparkling Water**
**99¢** + Dep.

Gallon Selected
**Arizona Drinks** ..... **2/$6**

13 oz. Original or Cinnamon
**Quaker Life Cereal** ..... **2/$6**

5.2-5.5 oz. Selected
**Pringles Potato Crisps** ..... **3/$5**

52 oz. Selected
**Tropicana Juice** .... **$3.99**

8.8 oz. Pkg. Plain or Garlic
**Stonefire Naan Bread** ..... **2/$5**

Fresh Store Baked
22 oz. Pkg.
**Strawberry Rhubarb Pie**
**$4.99**

***SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!***